



EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 19 February 2026

AGENDA

Online Extraordinary Meeting
commencing at 1:00 pm

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1 Membership

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Chairperson	Mayor Nándor Tánczos
Deputy Chairperson	Mayor Faylene Tunui
Members Two representatives of each: Bay of Plenty Regional Council Kawerau District Council Opotiki District Council Whakatane District Council	Chair Matemoana Mc Donald Councillor Sarah Jane McCorkindale Councillor Malcolm Campbell Councillor Marwera Karetai Mayor Faylene Tunui Deputy Mayor Sela Kingi Mayor David Moore Deputy Mayor Maude Maxwell Mayor Nándor Tánczos Deputy Mayor Julie Jukes
Quorum	Four members, being half the number of members
Meeting frequency	Bi-annually

2 EBOP Joint Committee Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

To form, explore and make recommendations for strategic collaborative initiatives between the partner councils of Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC), Kawerau District Council (KDC), Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC) and Whakatāne District Council (WDC) for responding to and managing a range of Eastern Bay of Plenty issues.

For the purposes of the Joint Committee, “Eastern Bay of Plenty” is defined as the Territorial Authority areas of Kawerau District Council, Ōpōtiki District Council and Whakatāne District Council.

2. Role

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee (EBOPJC) is guided by the Terms of Reference and the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as agreed by the partner councils.

To make recommendations on the following:

- Opportunities for joint collaboration on initiatives that support the needs of eastern Bay of Plenty communities.
- Coordination of and encouragement of beneficial interrelationships and connections between activities/services across the eastern Bay of Plenty.
- Mitigation of adverse cross boundary effects of decisions, planning and activities on other regions, cities and districts.

2 EBOP Joint Committee Terms of Reference (Cont.)

- Resolution of differences and conflicts, and ensuring no surprises, where activities in one district may affect another.
- Sharing of information, expertise, databases and research where there is a mutual interest and benefit.
- Encouraging integration and consistency of planning across the eastern Bay of Plenty.
- Developing agreed positions as appropriate on matters of importance and major Government initiatives and, through each respective council, communicate these positions to Central Government and relevant national organisations.
- Investigating opportunities for achieving cost efficiencies by sharing responsibilities and services.
- Where appropriate and applicable, recommendations must be supported by cost-benefit analyses.

3. Joint Committee Procedures

- Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee is established under the LGA and is therefore obligated to the requirements of the LGA and the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).
- A meeting is duly constituted if a quorum is present, whether or not all of the members are voting or entitled to vote.
- Business may not be transacted at any meeting unless at least a quorum of members is present during the whole of the time at which the business is transacted.
- The quorum at a meeting of EBOPJC is half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.
- The members of the joint committee will engage with their respective councils on strategic issues under discussion and all councils will maintain their own operational inter-council relationships as normal.
- The Chief Executive, or the Chief Executive's representative, of each partner Council shall attend meetings and will act as advisors to the Joint Committee.
- Meetings will be coordinated and recorded by staff from the partner Council as scheduled by the Joint Committee.
- Meetings may be attended by further staff support as considered appropriate by their Chief Executive.
- External speakers and participants, including mayors from territorial authorities who are not parties to EBOPJC, with specific interests in the items under discussion, may be invited to attend meetings.
- Meetings will be held at times and in places set out in an agreed schedule.
- Any formal public communications from meetings will be approved by the Joint Committee prior to release.
- The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be determined, on an annual basis, by the process as set out at Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the LGA.
- Each Chairperson will have a term of one year.
- A member cannot be appointed as the Chairperson, if either of the previous two Chairpersons were representatives of that member's constituent Council.
- Decisions on recommendations of the Committee shall be made in accordance with Clause 24 of Schedule 7 of the LGA – by vote of majority of members that are present and voting.

2 EBOP Joint Committee Terms of Reference (Cont.)

- The Chairperson will have a deliberative vote.
- In the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson does not have a casting vote and the status quo is preserved.
- A Deputy Chair shall be determined by the process as set out at Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the LGA.
- The Deputy Chair shall act in the absence of the Chairperson.
- If a Chairperson resigns from their position before the end of their term, the Deputy Chair shall take their place and will serve out the remainder of the term as Chairperson.
- If a Chairperson resigns and the Deputy Chair becomes Chairperson, Clause 25, Schedule 7, of the LGA does not apply.
- Nothing in this Terms of Reference precludes the Joint Committee from appointing an independent Chairperson.
- If an independent Chairperson is appointed, they will also be appointed as a member and will continue to be a member until the end of their term.

4. Power to Act

To make all decisions necessary to fulfil the role of the Joint Committee subject to the limitations imposed.

Each Council participating in a joint initiative will fund its own proportion of that joint initiative as determined by the Joint Committee.

5. Power to Recommend

Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee is a joint committee of councils that make recommendations to the constituent councils.

6. Membership

Members of the EBOPJC will be:

- Two elected members as appointed by, and representing, BOPRC.
- Two elected members as appointed by, and representing, KDC.
- Two elected members as appointed by, and representing, ODC.
- Two elected members as appointed by, and representing, WDC.

The members of EBOPJC will act in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.

3 Meeting Notices

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Live Streaming the meeting

Whakatāne District Council is hosting this extraordinary meeting of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee. In accordance with Whakatāne District Council practice, meetings of Council and Committees held in the Tōtara Room within the Council building are live streamed to promote transparency and public accessibility.

The meeting will be webcast live to Whakatāne District Council's YouTube channel and streamed in real time.

Members of the public are welcome to observe proceedings either online or from the public gallery. By remaining in the public gallery, it is understood that consent is given should a person's presence be inadvertently captured or broadcast during the live stream. Attendees are also advised that microphones within the Tōtara Room may record audio at any time during the meeting.

Health and Safety

In case of an emergency, please follow the building wardens or make your way to the nearest exit. The meeting point is located at Peace Park on Boon Street. Bathroom facilities are located opposite the Chambers Foyer entrance (the entrance off Margaret Mahy Court).

This extraordinary meeting is convened to consider specific business only. The minutes from the December 2025 meeting will be presented for discussion at the next ordinary meeting.

Proposed future meeting dates for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee, for the year 2026, will be raised for discussion at the conclusion of the business being considered.

4 Apologies

No apologies were recorded at the time of compiling the agenda.

5 Conflict of Interest

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Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interests they might have.

Financial Conflicts

Members present must declare any direct or indirect financial interest that they hold in any matter being discussed at the meeting, other than an interest that they hold in common with the public. Members cannot take part in the discussion, nor can they vote on any matter in which they have a direct or indirect financial interest, unless with an approved exception. Members with a financial interest should physically withdraw themselves from the table. If the meeting is public excluded, members should leave the room.

Non-Financial Conflicts

If a member considers that they have a non-financial conflict of interest in a matter they must not take part in the discussions about that matter or any subsequent vote. Members with a non-financial interest must leave the table when the matter is considered but are not required to leave the room

6 Reports

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The purpose of this Extraordinary meeting of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee is to consider and discuss the Joint Committee's proposed submission on the Government's *Simplifying Local Government* proposal.

A draft submission and accompanying cover report will be circulated to members prior to the meeting and formally tabled at the meeting for discussion and agreement.