

	Authorising Body	Council
	Status	Standing Committee
COUNCIL COMMITTEE	Title	Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure
	Terms of Reference Adoption	11 December 2025
	Responsible Officer	Head of Infrastructure

Kaupapa / Purpose

The purpose of the Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure (the Committee) is to ensure cost effective, quality and sustainable infrastructure decisions are made to meet the current and future needs of Far North communities and that Councils infrastructure assets are effectively maintained and operated.

The Committee will review the effectiveness of the following aspects:

- Affordable core infrastructure to support healthy and sustainable living;
- Operational performance including monitoring and reporting on significant infrastructure projects
- Delivery of quality infrastructure and district facilities
- Financial spend and reprogramming of capital works
- Property and other assets

Ngā Huānga / Membership

The Council will determine the membership of the Committee.

Te Koukou – Transport and Infrastructure Committee will comprise of at least six elected members (one of which will be the chairperson). Kahika / Mayor Moko Tepania is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

Cr Felicity Foy (Chairperson)
 External Appointment Deputy Chairperson
 Cr Arohanui Allen
 Cr Rachel Baucke
 Cr Ann Court
 Cr Halkyard Harawira
 Cr Tāmāti Rākena

Kōrama / Quorum

The quorum at a meeting of Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure is 4 members.

Ngā Hui / Frequency of Meetings

The Committee shall meet 4 weekly.

Ngā Apatono / Power to Delegate

The responsibilities, duties and powers of the Committee are subject to the prohibition on delegation of powers under Clause 32(1), Schedule 7, Local Government Act 2002, and any other restrictions on delegation under any other relevant legislation.

Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure may not delegate any of its responsibilities, duties or powers however it may establish working groups to consider issues within the committee's areas of responsibilities noting that working groups have no decision-making powers.

Ngā Herenga Paetae / Responsibilities

The Committees responsibilities are described below:

Quality infrastructure and Facilities

- Assess and provide advice to Council on strategic issues relating to the provision of Council's infrastructural activities and district facilities
- Review, and recommend to Council, policy and strategies for the delivery of infrastructural asset services
- Monitor achievement of outcomes included in the Infrastructure Strategy and other transport and infrastructure strategies e.g District Transport Strategy
- Ensure that Council protects its investment in its infrastructural assets in accordance with accepted professional standards
- Monitor the risks, financial and operational performance of the Council's infrastructural activities and facilities
- Monitor major contract performance measures/key result areas (KRAs)

Significant Projects – spend, monitoring and reporting

- Monitor significant projects
- Approve budget overspend (above tolerance levels in the CE delegations) and any reprogramming of capex for a project or programme provided that:
 - The overall budget is met from savings
 - The overall budget for capex is not exceeded. Where this is not the case, the Committee must either:
 - Recommend to Council that additional funding is approved (outside the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process), or
 - Recommend as part of the next round of Long Term Plan or Annual Plan process that the funding is considered for inclusion.
- Approve contracts provided they are:
 - in accordance with the current year's plan, whether that be Annual Plan or Long Term Plan, and
 - deemed low by the Significance and Engagement Policy

Compliance

- Ensure that operational functions comply with legislative requirements and Council policy
- Ensure that consents associated with Council's infrastructure are being met and renewals are planned for

Service levels (non-regulatory)

- Recommend service level changes and new initiatives to the Long Term and Annual Plan processes.

Property

- Recommend to Council the acquisition or disposal of assets.
- Approve new leases and lease renewals (of non-reserve land), in accordance with the current years' plan, whether that be Annual Plan or Long Term Plan.

Transport

- Approval of roading contracts beyond CE delegation.
- Monitor roading contracts
- Receive and consider any consultation document and/or any proposed amended or new legislative instrument that may have a transport related outcomes and where appropriate make submissions and enable political advocacy at a Mayoral Forum Level if required
- Receive and adopt the Asset Management Plan for Transport
- Receive and adopt Far North District Council's walking and cycling strategies
- Receive and consider any placemaking projects that have a transport related component so the committee can ensure the projects are captured (where appropriate) in our funding and planning instruments
- Receive invitations to apply for external funding opportunities in a timely manner so that the committee may advocate for community-initiated infrastructure projects. (Examples PGF, TIF)
- Receive updates on changes to national and regional policies and Transport Plans that impact on Council provision of infrastructure and where appropriate make submissions or recommendation to Council.

Ngā Ture / Rules and Procedures

Council's Standing Orders and Elected Member Code of Conduct apply to all meetings.

Reporting and Review of Committee Terms of Reference

In December of each year, the Responsible Officer alongside Democracy Services will submit a report to Council. The report will summarise the activities of the Committee and how it has contributed to the Council's governance and strategic objectives. This will look at whether the Council are meeting the full requirements of the Committee Terms of Reference and whether any amendments are required to the Committees terms of reference to increase efficient and effective decision making.

The terms of reference of the Committee will be reviewed as part of this report but can be amended by Council at any point throughout the term.