

TE TIRITI PARTNERSHIP

Te Kaunihera o Te Tairāwhiti (Council) want to develop effective and meaningful collaboration with mana whenua. We want to ensure iwi and hapū have a long-term role in the future planning and decision-making for the region.

While this can occur in many ways, Te Tiriti Partnership is an ultimate end state for shared decision making, and key to the success of this Council vision long term.

AN ARTICLES BASED APPROACH

When seeking to understand and apply Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Te Tiriti), individuals (and organisations) often look at 'Te Tiriti principles'. Principles are both broad and interpreted differently in across activities. This leads to mixed understandings and inconsistency in how Te Tiriti is understood and given effect to.

The four articles of Te Tiriti give us a quite clear way of working within a Te Tiriti framework.

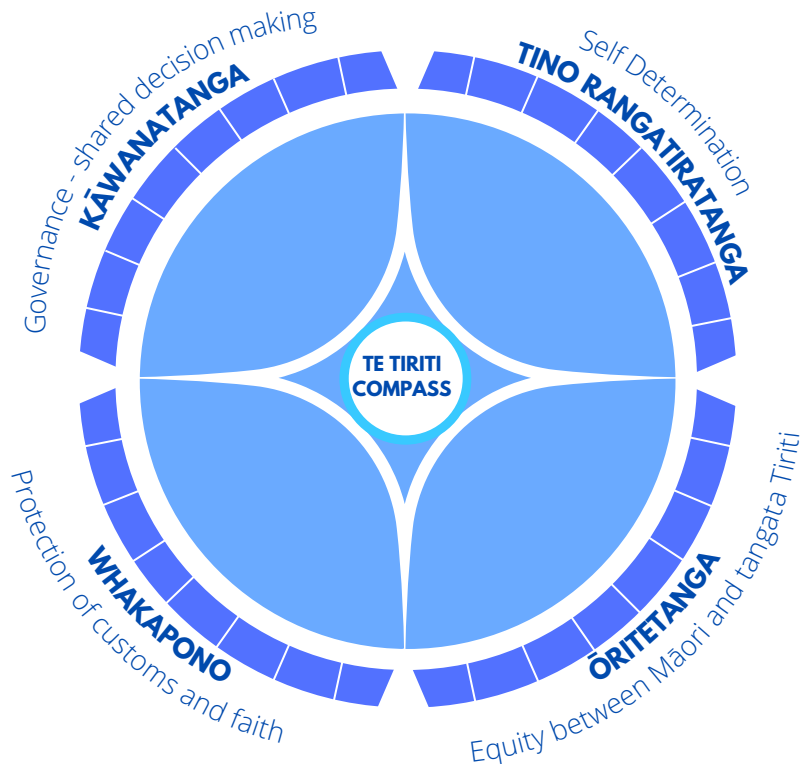
These have been used as the foundation for our Te Tiriti Compass. Council's responsibilities as a Tiriti Partner, and our vision for the standard of partnership we desire, have been framed in response to the articles themselves. These being:

- Kāwanatanga | Governance
- Tino Rangatiratanga | Self Determination
- Ōritetanga | Equity
- Whakapono | Protection of customs and faith.

WHY DO WE HAVE THIS FRAMEWORK?

To enhance our capacity to build and sustain true Te Tiriti Partnership with tangata whenua, Council recognises that we must first inwardly:

- Have a set of internally facing principles, or tikanga we can faithfully apply when designing and working within partnership mechanisms with tangata whenua
- Acknowledge tension between Treaty spirit and intent versus existing legal interpretation
- Define our own expectations of ourselves in our role as a Te Tiriti partner.



- Ensure we consistently apply Te Tiriti as an organisation.
- Ensure resourcing is available to undertake partnership actions with purpose
- Maintain our awareness of individual iwi and hapū points of view and ways of working.

The Te Tiriti Compass framework provides a base to explore and understand these things as Council.

This puts us in a strong position to then seek to understand what Treaty Partnership in practice looks like for iwi, and hapū and enact that together.

OUR TIKANGA

These are the ways in which we approach working with tangata whenua, and guide our behaviour during the establishment and ongoing operation of, partnership spaces and forums. We do so with:

- honesty
- respect
- trust
- openness to change
- desire to understand the individual views and aspirations of tangata whenua partners
- transparency of information and process
- desire for progress

THE TE TIRITI COMPASS FRAMEWORK

