



# PARTNERING AGREEMENT

## COMMUNITY WAITAKERE & WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL



### A. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

Community Waitakere and Waitakere City Council are committed to the sustainable development of Waitakere City and to increasing the capacity and resilience of people, neighbourhoods and local communities. Sustainable community development is at the heart of this agreement and the way that the parties work together. Both organisations want to achieve a sustainable Waitakere with thriving connected communities where everyone feels valued and respected.

The relationship between Council and Community Waitakere is robust. Between the two organisations, there is a long history of trust and relationship building, mutual respect and development of common aims. Both organisations wish to continue to reflect these common aims in a partnering framework to guide their relationship and the achievement of their shared outcomes. This agreement acknowledges common outcomes between the organisations and records their shared commitment.

### B. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Both organisations acknowledge a commitment to the concept of partnering and agree to:

1. Work together to actively support the Treaty of Waitangi.
2. Promote and demonstrate sustainable community development approaches.
3. Actively promote social inclusion and embrace the diversity of communities living in Waitakere.
4. Engage meaningfully so that a wide range of people are involved in shaping the development of their neighbourhoods.
5. Support the achievement of each other's outcomes where possible and work constructively and collaboratively to achieve shared outcomes.
6. Work in such a way that promotes good will, good faith and trust, recognising and respecting each other's ways of working and obligations to their organisation and wider stakeholders.
7. Acknowledge and celebrate success and the achievement of mutually shared outcomes.

### C. SHARED OUTCOMES

Council and Community Waitakere have agreed that they will work together to achieve the following key outcomes.

1. Waitakere's neighbourhoods and communities are strong resilient and sustainable.  
*Nurture and support place based neighbourhood initiatives that promote social wellbeing, enhance environmental wellbeing and provide opportunities for community economic development.*
2. There is strong local leadership that represents the diversity of Waitakere's communities.  
*Develop new local leadership capacity, particularly amongst diverse and marginalised groups.*
3. A wide variety of neighbourhood and community organisations are empowered and have the capacity to take action on their own behalf.  
*Work with a diverse range of organisations and groups to build community partnerships and strengthen community governance capabilities.*
4. Waitakere's communities are places of inclusion where all people feel valued and connected to each other, their neighbourhood and the natural environment.  
*Develop and support initiatives that focus on ensuring vulnerable people achieve good outcomes.*

### D. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Both organisations play a number of complementary roles to advance community wellbeing goals and the annual work programme attached to this agreement.

Key roles include, but are not limited to:

- Brokering and facilitation
- Coordination and planning
- Networking and access to information, knowledge and other key decision makers
- Advocacy
- Service delivery
- Kaitiakitanga/guardianship role (Community Waitakere in terms of the local community sector, and the Council in terms of both the City and its people).

In terms of this agreement and the attached work programme, Council also takes on the role of key funder.

Both organisations agree to support each other where possible, including reasonable acknowledgement of each other's logos where appropriate.

### E. MANAGING THE RELATIONSHIP

Both organisations agree to:

- Meet regularly to progress their shared outcomes.
- Develop a shared work programme that includes a range of initiatives at both strategic and operational levels that is reviewed on an annual basis.
- Adhere to the processes outlined in Schedule 2 to ensure the maintenance and ongoing development of strong and healthy relationships.

### F. RESOURCING

An annual funding and services agreement has been in place since the mid 1990s, with Community Waitakere being funded to advance Community Waitakere's objectives and also those of Council. In 2003, a triennial funding agreement was negotiated for the first time.

Council has agreed to provide \$218,000 for 2009/2010 and \$175,000 for each of the following two years. Attached as Schedules 3 and 4 are the Triennial Work Priority Areas and the Shared Work Programme that will be supported by Council funding.

The financial and non-financial resources of each organisation will be used to support the achievement of individual and shared outcomes. Key non financial resources include:

- Staff, elected member and volunteer time
- Knowledge, information, advice and networks.

Council has agreed to fund Community Waitakere on a triennial basis because their organisation is:

- well established and has recognised expertise
- critical to fulfilling Council goals
- involved in activities in which Council has a key interest
- a healthy, viable and sustainable organisation.

### G. REVIEW

This partnering agreement will be reviewed at the end of 3 years from the date of signing.

#### Schedules

1. Key vision and goals of each organisation
2. Mechanics: protocols and processes to support the relationship
3. Triennial Work Priority Areas
  - Process for review and identification of shared projects
  - Shared Outcomes for 2009/2012
4. Shared Work Programme for 2009/2010

DATED THIS DAY OF 2010

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