

**Extraordinary Joint Regional Economic  
Development Committee**

**Monday 22 December 2025 at 09:00 am**

# **AGENDA**

## Extraordinary Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangarei  
on Monday 22 December 2025, commencing at 09:00 am

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair as CEO sponsor - Jason Marris KDC

KDC Mayor Jonathan Larsen	KDC Deputy Mayor Gordon Lambeth	NRC Chair Pita Tipene
NRC Councillor Geoff Crawford	WDC Mayor Ken Couper	WDC Deputy Mayor Scott McKenzie
FNDC Mayor Moko Tepania	FNDC Councillor Rachel Baucke	

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## **Opening Karakia | Karakia Timatanga**

Tukua te wairua kia rere ki ngā taumata

Hei ārahi i ā tātou mahi

Me tā tātou whai i ngā tikanga a rātou mā

Kia mau kia ita

Kia kore ai e ngaro

Kia pūpuri

Kia whakamaua

Kia tina! TINA! Haumi e, hui e, TĀIKI E!

## **Closing Karakia | Karakia Whakamutunga**

Unuhia, unuhia

Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui

Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua  
i te ara tangata

Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga

Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! Tāiki e!

**TITLE: Election of Chair**

**From:** Darryl Jones, Economist

**Authorised by** Bruce Howse, Pou Taumatua – Group Manager Corporate Services, on 16  
**Group Manager/s:** December 2025

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**Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga**

The purpose of this report is to elect the Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (Joint Committee). The terms of reference for the Joint Committee (**Attachment 1**) states that the Chair is to be elected by the Joint Committee according to System A of Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Chief Executive Officer of Kaipara District Council (being the CEO Sponsor for economic development) will call for nominations for the election to the office of Chair. Once elected, the Chair will assume from the Chief Executive Officer and preside over the remainder of the meeting including the election of the Deputy Chair.

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**Recommendation(s)**

That the report 'Election of Chair' by Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 15 December 2025, be received.

1. That in the event that more than one nomination for Chair is received, "System A" as specified in Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, be used for the election of the Chair.
2. That \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee.

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**Options**

No.	Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	Elect a Chair	Joint Committee is able to proceed	None
2	Don't elect a Chair	None	Joint Committee is unable to proceed

The staff's recommended option is Option 1.

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**Considerations**

**1. Alignment to council strategic direction - community outcomes**

The matters covered in this report relate to the following community outcomes:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protected and flourishing native life | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy waters, land and air                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe and resilient transport networks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A sustainable, innovative and equitable economy |

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tāngata whenua

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transparent council systems

☐ Carbon neutral, resilient  
communities in a changing climate

## 2. Climate Impact

This is an administrative matter and does not have a direct climate impact.

## 3. Environmental Impact

This is an administrative matter and does not have a direct environmental impact

## 4. Community views

This is an administrative matter on which there are no known community views.

## 5. Māori impact statement

This is an administrative matter that does not directly impact on Māori.

## 6. Financial implications

There are no known financial implications identifiable from this decision.

## 7. Implementation issues

This is an administrative matter on which there are no implementation issues to be aware of.

## 8. Significance and engagement

Joint Committees must elect a Deputy Chair as part of normal practice and therefore in relation to Section 30 of the Local Government Act 2002, this issue is considered to be of low significance.

## 9. Policy, risk management and legislative compliance

This report is submitted for consideration by the Joint Committee pursuant to the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and is therefore considered to be of low risk and compliant with legislative requirements.

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## Background/Tuhinga

The Joint Committee is comprised of elected members from the Far North District Council (FNDC), Kaipara District Council (KDC), Northland Regional Council (NRC) and Whangarei District Council (WDC). The Joint Committee is a joint standing committee of the councils as provided for under Clause 30(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and shall operate in accordance with the provisions of Clause 30A of Schedule 7. According to the latter, the Joint Committee is required to appoint a Chair.

The appointment of the Chair at the first meeting of the Joint Committee for the 2025-28 triennium will provide appropriate leadership of the Joint Committee and support the delivery of its functions. A key role of the Chair will be to ensure that all activities undertaken by the Joint Committee maximise as far as possible achievements of the strategic objectives.

The Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee (**Attachment 1**), under the Section "Committee Chair and Deputy Chair" specify that the Chair is to be elected by members at the first meeting of the Joint Committee according to System A of Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. A

description of System A of the Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 is provided below:

System A –

requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and

has the following characteristics:

there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and

if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and

if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third; and if necessary, a subsequence round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and

in any round of voting, if two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

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#### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

**Nil**

**TITLE: Election of Deputy Chair**

**From:** Darryl Jones, Economist

**Authorised by** Bruce Howse, Pou Taumatua – Group Manager Corporate Services, on 16  
**Group Manager/s:** December 2025

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**Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga**

The purpose of this report is to elect the Deputy Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (Joint Committee). The Deputy Chair is to be elected at the first meeting of the Joint Committee according to System A of Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Chair of the Joint Committee will call for nominations for election to the office of Deputy Chair.

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**Recommendation(s)**

- That the report ‘Election of Deputy Chair’ by Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 15 December 2025, be received.
3. That in the event that more than one nomination for Deputy Chair is received, “System A” as specified in Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 be used for the election of the Deputy Chair.
4. That \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee.

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**Options**

No.	Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	Elect a Deputy Chair	Joint Committee is able to proceed	None
2	Don't elect a Deputy Chair	None	Joint Committee is unable to proceed

The staff's recommended option is Option 1.

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**Considerations**

**10. Alignment to council strategic direction - community outcomes**

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### **11. Climate Impact**

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### **13. Community views**

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### **15. Financial implications**

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### **17. Significance and engagement**

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The Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee, under the Section “Committee Chair and Deputy Chair” specify that the Deputy Chair is to be elected by members of the Joint Committee according to System A of Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. A description of System A is provided below:

System A –

requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and



has the following characteristics:

there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and

if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and

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**Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

**Nil**