

Appendix 11:  
Development of Maori Capacity  
to Contribute to Council  
Decision-Making Processes



## **Development of Māori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making processes**

The Council enjoys a strong working relationship with local Māori. The Council continues to work at developing processes to provide for opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision making process of the Council. The Council has signed a service and funding agreement with Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd. Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd is a jointly owned company of six Ngāi Tahu Rūnanga, formed to provide services and engage in contractual relationships with the Council on behalf of those Rūnanga. Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd provides assurances to the Council that it is acting in an agreed capacity for each of the Rūnanga. This agreement aims to assist Council officers to give effect to the legislative requirements that relate to Tangata Whenua and to assist the Rūnanga in their engagement with the Council.

In March 2013 the 6 Ngāi Tahu Rūnanga in the Council's district will launch the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan (IMP) which the Council will be required to take into account when preparing or changing a district plan. This IMP will also be of great assistance to staff in their work affecting these Rūnanga. The Council was a significant funder for this IMP as it is a key tool that supports the aspirations of the Rūnanga to better inform Council decision processes about their values and objectives.

The Council has also signed an agreement at management level to establish an operational and functional relationship with Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka. Te Rūnanga o Ngā Maata Waka is an urban Māori authority which provides services including education, health, counselling, driver education, advocacy, early childhood education, recreation, sport, justice, courts, legal support, Māori legal services and initiatives in employment related matters.

For this 2013/16 Three Year Plan the Council has made specific provision of \$320,000 for its relationship with Māori, in addition to general provision for consultation with the community.

