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R 1 Identification of Iwi Authorities

Adopted	Meeting	Extra Ordinary Council	Date	2 August 2008	Review Date	
Background	Tangata whenua are significant stakeholders in the Opotiki District. While there are generally three Iwi authorities (Whakatohea Maori Trust Board, Ngai Tai Iwi Authority and Te Runanga o te Whanau) there will be occasions where hapu wish to represent themselves directly.					
Purpose	To ensure Tangata Whenua are involved in Council decision making.					
Policy Statement	That Council consult with the tangata whenua as required by the Resource Management Act, the Local Government Act and other legislation. In policy matters relating to the District Plan and for applications requiring Council consent, where there is a difference of opinion, all will be consulted. Council in this process will make no determinations as to which group has authority. Where there is a conflict between the views expressed and in the absence of resolution by the groups themselves, Council will deal with the matter as it best sees fit.					
Delegations	<p>The following position holders have delegated authority from Council using the policy principles above.</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer All operational matters within their job description.</p> <p>Environment and Planning Manager All operational matters within their job description.</p>					
References	Resource Management Act 1991					