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# Ngā Hui a te Rōpū Kaitohutohu Take Hapori Iwi Takatāpui / Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel held in the Council Chamber, Ground Floor, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Monday, 5 November 2018 at 5.35pm.

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### PRESENT

<b>Co-Chair</b>	Julie Radford-Poupard	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	John Kingi	
<b>Members</b>	Moira Clunie	
	Mark Fisher	
	Dave Hati	
	Audrey Hutcheson	
	Bruce Kilmister	
	Lexie Matheson	
	Diana Rands	
<b>Liaison Councillor</b>	Julie Watson	Until 6.20pm, Item 5
	Richard Hills	Until 7.25pm, Item 6

### ABSENT

<b>Member</b>	Aram Wu
<b>Chief Liaison Councillor</b>	Dr Cathy Casey

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## Welcome/Opening Karakia

The co-chairs opened the meeting and welcome those present.

Note: The co-chairs accorded precedence to Item 4 – Consultation with Auckland Council Rainbow Staff Network.

## 4 Consultation with Auckland Council Rainbow Staff Network

Introductions were made between the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel and members of the Auckland Council Rainbow Staff Network and discussion took place on what the panel does, how it communicates with members of the diverse communities and gain knowledge of what the staff network does and how the panel can assist with improving outcomes for the network.

### The Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:

- a) **thanked members of the Auckland Council Rainbow Staff Network for their attendance.**

The meeting adjourned at 6.20pm and reconvened at 6.30pm.

## 1 Apologies

### The Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:

- a) **accepted the apology from Aram Wu for absence.**

The panel acknowledged the recent passing of Bain Duigan, Kevin Baker and Richard James.

## 2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3 Confirmation of Minutes

**The Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:**

- a) confirmed the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Monday, 3 September 2018 as a true and correct record.

Note: Item 4 – Consultation with Auckland Council Rainbow Staff Network was considered prior to Item 1 – Apologies.

### 5 Confirmation of representation at the cross-panel working group for the 2019 elections

The meeting was advised that John Kingi and Julie Watson attended the first cross-panel meeting due to the short timeframes.

John and Julie outlined the discussions at the meeting. Bruce and Lexie noted the full report provided and advised they were happy with representation by John and Julie and would therefore stand aside from the panel.

It was agreed that John and Julie would attend future cross-panel working group meetings, however Bruce and Lexie would attend if necessary.

John will convene a meeting to discuss the panel's view prior to the next cross-panel working group meeting.

**The Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:**

- a) confirmed the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel representation on the cross-panel working group for the 2019 elections with John and Julie and Bruce and Lexie as alternate members.

6.20pm *Julie Watson retired the meeting.*

### 6 Government and Partners Rainbow Conference - 8 and 9 November 2018

Members discussed the programme for the Government and Partners Rainbow Conference being held at Jetpark Conference Centre on 8 and 9 November 2018.

It was agreed that a number of written collateral – the challenges and opportunities and three questions documents would be taken to the conference.

During this item, members were updated with planning for the Pride Festival.

**The Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:**

- a) confirmed arrangements for the panel's presentation at the Government and Partners Rainbow Conference to be held at Jet Park Auckland Airport Hotel and Conference Centre on 8-9 November 2018.

7.25pm Cr Richard Hills retired from the meeting.

**7 Liaison Councillor's Update**

No update was provided

**8 Members' update**

Members gave updates as follows:

- Mark advised that funding is being assessed for the Pride Centre feasibility study.
- Lexie encouraged people to check in with friends and whanau who are in our diverse community to make sure they are OK.
- Audrey advised that they have been appointed to the steering committee of ANZSSA. ANZSSA is Australia and New Zealand Student Services Association which represents 47 universities across New Zealand and Australia. The steering committee will progress Rainbow visibility, support and initiatives.
- Moira advised that she had attended an event at Government House for suffrage with the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and has been talking to the organisers of a conference which will be held in Wellington on how council could participate.
- A meeting will be held to further discuss participation at the Pride Festival (John, Audrey and Moira).
- Members paid tribute to Austin Kim, Principal Advisor – Panels.

**The Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:**

- a) **received the update about upcoming events and issues impacting rainbow communities**
- b) **thanked Austin Kim for his work with the panel and wished him well for his new role.**

8.20pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE RAINBOW COMMUNITIES  
ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....