Te Puni Kōkiri
REALISING MĀORI POTENTIAL

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Minister for Whānau Ora

Whānau Ora Commissioning – overview of the commissioning agencies proposed investments for FY 2014/15

Purpose

1. This briefing paper provides an overview of what the Crown has purchased through the Whānau Ora commissioning model and what the Commissioning Agencies intend to purchase in FY14/15.

Background

2. Each of the respondents selected through the Whānau Ora procurement process has established a new, fit-for-purpose entity to be the respective Commissioning Agency. Te Puni Kōkiri has funded the establishment of these entities, which includes activities such as recruitment, governance appointments, infrastructure establishment and the preparation of policies and procedures for commissioning (e.g. the development of the annual Investment Plans, contracting, funding and evaluation processes).

3. Under the devolved commissioning model, the Crown is purchasing a broker (the Commissioning Agency) that has the networks and expertise to identify and match whānau and family aspirations to effective interventions. Commissioning Agencies are responsible for investing in a portfolio of interventions (e.g. services, programmes, activities or direct funding) to deliver progress against Whānau Ora outcomes for whānau and families.

What are the commissioning agencies buying?

4. The Outcome Agreements between Te Puni Kōkiri and the Commissioning Agencies require the development of annual Investment Plans that set out the interventions that will be commissioned and the results sought on an annual basis. Each Commissioning Agency has identified its own priorities and investment approaches for achieving results for whānau and families linking back to the relevant commissioning outcomes framework. These are further described further below. Out of scope

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North Island Commissioning Agency: Te Pou Matakana

13. TPM is currently undertaking an extensive needs assessment and data analysis process, which involves collecting and analysing cross-agency data. This process has delayed the development of TPM's annual Investment Plan, as the findings from the data analysis will inform TPM's commissioning priorities. TPM's commissioning model focuses on two funding channels:

- Whānau Direct; and
- Whānau commissioning.

14. Whānau Direct is a grants-based model to allow whānau to access resources directly in 'moments that matter'. Whānau Direct will offer investments of up to $1,000 to address:

- Urgent needs
- Needs where there are gaps in service provision
- Specific and holistic cultural needs.

15. Whānau will access Whānau Direct through existing kaiārahi and Whānau Ora providers, who will assist with an application form and whānau assessment to identify the need, support requested and results sought. TPM has set aside $3,600,000 in FY14/15 to distribute through Whānau Direct, which will be allocated evenly across the six Māori electorate regions in the North Island.

16. TPM's second funding stream will involve commissioning programmes in a number of priority outcome areas from existing, high-performing Whānau Ora provider collectives through an expression of interest / request for proposals process. These programmes may include a mix of innovative solutions and proven-effective standard practice.

17. As TPM completes its needs assessment process, it will develop a full annual Investment Plan that sets out in more detail TPM's priority outcome areas and the interventions that will be commissioned.

Recommendations

18. It is recommended that you:

(a) **Note** the focus of the investment plans for the three Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies

(b) **Note** that officials are available to discuss any matters identified in this briefing.

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