9.7 Community Investment Committee Report

Report To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, 24 September 2025
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Purpose

End of Term Presentation to the Council by the Chair of the Community Investment Committee.

Recommendation

That the Council:

a. Receives and notes the report from the Chair of the Community Investment Committee (Resolve#2025-130).

Executive Summary

The Chair's end of term report covers the following key matters:

- Terms of Reference
- Membership
- Meetings held
- Key Insights;
    - Positive Outcomes
    - Areas for Future Focus

Context

Terms of Reference, Membership and Meetings held
Community Investment Committee Membership

Chairperson	Cr Teokotai
Members	Cr Daine Cr Lee Cr Te Kanawa
Quorum	Half the members plus one
Meeting frequency	Quarterly

Purpose
The purpose of the Community Investment Committee is to assist the Council to develop and grow the South Waikato District by effective investment into community groups, not-for-profits, charities, social

enterprises and voluntary organisations, (the ‘Community Sector’).

Role

- To provide direction on strategic priorities related to our support of the Community Sector.
- Enhance awareness and understanding of emerging issues and trends relating to meeting Council's strategic goals that impact on the wellbeing, growth and empowerment of the local community.
- Review and monitor Council operations as it relates to services used by the local community and how they are impacting on them.
- Oversee and monitor:
  - The Council's Community Development Investment Scheme.
  - Provide advice to the Council on priorities for Councils investment into Community Development.

Power to Act

The Committee has the power to act on behalf of the Council.
The Committee may be a conduit for hearing public submissions.
The Committee may also appoint sub-committees to enquire into specific matters.

Power to Recommend

The Community Investment Committee is authorised to:

- Review, develop and recommend policy and strategy related to Council.
- Recommend to Council submissions on legislation, policy, regulations, standards, plans and other instruments prepared by Central Government, Local Government and other organisations.
- Identify, monitor and evaluate necessary actions by the organisation and other relevant organisations under co-governance arrangements as they relate to Community Development.

The Community Investment Committee reports directly to full Council.

Review

The committee’s operation, terms of reference and membership will be reviewed after 12 months.

Meetings Held:

Cr Teokotai Cr Daine Cr Lee Cr Te Kanawa	October 2024 April, June & Sep 2025	1 3	**4**

Discussion

<u>Key Insights</u>

- Positive Outcomes:

- Effectively oversaw the Community Development Investment Scheme, ensuring accountability and impact
- Provided strategic advice on Council’s community investment priorities, supporting meaningful community development outcomes.

- Areas for Future Focus:
    - Continue refining Council’s investment approach to maximise the impact of funding for community groups, not-for-profits, charities, social enterprises, and voluntary organisations
    - Enhance the Committee’s understanding of evolving community needs, trends, and opportunities to support the wellbeing, growth, and empowerment of the South Waikato District
    - Strengthen oversight of community-focused Council operations, develop relevant policies, and foster partnerships to ensure coordinated and effective community development outcomes.