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Report To: Regional Council

Meeting Date: 20 April 2017

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Final declaration of Mauao Māori by-election results

Executive Summary

This report presents the final declaration of election results for the Mauao Māori constituency by-election.

Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Final declaration of Mauao Māori by-election results;**

1 Introduction

An extraordinary vacancy was created on Council as a result of the death of Councillor Awanui Black in November 2016. A by-election to fill this vacancy was held under sections 120 and 138A of the Local Electoral Act 2001 by postal ballot, with voting opening on 20 March 2017 and closing at midday on 11 April 2017.

Six candidates contested the by-election; preliminary results were notified on 11 April and the final result was posted on the Regional Council website on 12 April and publicly notified in the *Bay of Plenty Times* on Saturday 15 April.

2 Declaration of results required to be publicly notified

Under section 86 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the official result of the by-election must be publicly notified. The final results (outlined below) were published in the *Bay of Plenty Times* on 15 April 2017.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: 2017 Mauao Māori Constituency By-election

DECLARATION OF RESULT

The final result for the by-election that closed on Tuesday 11th April 2017 is:

| Mauao Māori Constituency (1 vacancy) | Votes Received |
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| MCDONALD, Matemoana | Independent | 520 |
| BIDOIS, Carlton | | 379 |
| COFFIN, Antoine | | 297 |
| STOKES, Christopher George | | 209 |
| DUNCAN, Matire | Independent | 150 |
| MARTIN, Paora Paul | Independent | 54 |
| INFORMAL | | 6 |
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Matemoana McDonald is declared elected.

The voter return was 16.90%, being 1,625 votes.

3 Council's Accountability Framework

3.1 Community Outcomes

This proposal directly contributes to the Regional Collaboration & Leadership Community Outcome in the Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

3.2 Long Term Plan Alignment

This work is planned under the Governance Services in the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Current Budget Implications

Election costs are included in the governance services activity budget 2016/2017.

Future Budget Implications

All future governance and election costs are included in the governance services activity of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

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