



## Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

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### **Inaugural Te Tai Poutini Plan Committee held**

The inaugural meeting of Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee (the Committee) was held in Greymouth on Friday 19 July. This followed gazettal of the Order in Council pertaining to the local government reorganisation scheme for the West Coast.

The Independent Chair, Rex Williams, was impressed with the constructive debate amongst the representatives from the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils, West Coast Regional Council, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae.

“It is heartening to see that all Committee members have the community front of mind as we work through this plan process,” said Mr Williams.”

The Committee dealt with procedural matters including standing orders, and the proposed Deed of Agreement covering issues such as the quorum, member alternates and future budget-setting arrangements.

The Committee also affirmed the 2019/20 budget of \$650,000 which includes a grant of \$200,000 from the Local Government Commission.

The Plan’s Project Manager, Jo Armstrong, outlined progress on stakeholder engagement, recruitment of planning staff and a proposed work programme for the next 11 months. After wide-ranging discussion the Committee approved the scope and direction of this work.

One further Committee meeting will be held prior to Local Government elections in October. A new Committee will then be formed as there will be changes to the elected members of the various Councils.

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