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## **Ara Tahi Meeting - 25 August 2004**

### **1. Purpose**

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on Wednesday, 24 August 2004.

### **2. Background and Comment**

#### **2.1 Staff Changes**

Officers announced that the position of Policy Advisor - Maori had been moved from the Environment Division to the Council Secretariat. They said the move reflects the broadening role of Ara Tahi and the Policy Advisor - Maori.

#### **2.2 Process to Involve Maori in Council Decision-Making Processes**

Ara Tahi approved a process for involving Maori in the Council's decision-making processes and agreed to recommend it to the Council. The process is based on the outcomes of discussions at two iwi workshops (refer to report 04.549).

#### **2.3 Policy on External Organisations Participating at Ara Tahi**

Ara Tahi adopted a policy on external organisations wishing to present to, or consult with, Ara Tahi. It was agreed that it was inappropriate for organisations to consult with Ara Tahi. External organisations could, however, make presentations to Ara Tahi.

The policy includes rules about when organisations can and cannot make presentations to Ara Tahi and how far in advance members must receive copies of the organisation's presentation. Both the Council Chairperson and the Chairperson of Ara Tahi will be consulted on the relevance of each presentation.

## **2.4 Input from Ara Tahi on the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum**

Ara Tahi agreed to become an advisory group to the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum. They also nominated Miria Pomare and Ihaia Puketapu to represent the views of Ara Tahi on the Forum. One representative will sit on the Forum and the other one will act as a back up.

## **2.5 Report from Ara Tahi Representative Attending the Local Government Conference**

Jack Rikihana provided a brief outline of the speakers he heard at the Local Government Conference. He said the standard of presenters was high and that it was great to have had the opportunity to attend the conference.

## **2.6 Nomination for Regional Land Transport Committee**

Ara Tahi registered an interest in making a nomination for the Regional Land Transport Committee. They will discuss who they will nominate at a hui after the local body elections.

## **3. Recommendation**

*That the Council receives the report and notes its contents.*

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Council Chairperson

**Ian Buchanan**  
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