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## **Ara Tahi Meeting on 14 June 2006**

### **1. Purpose**

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 14 June 2006.

### **2. Significance of the decision**

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **3. Background and Comment**

#### **3.1 Wellington Regional Strategy**

Ara Tahi discussed the possibility of including a logo that reflects Ara Tahi (and its relationship with Greater Wellington) on the WRS document. It was agreed that Ara Tahi would work with council officers in the Communications Department to develop such a logo.

Members flagged that they would like to re-visit having a representative from each iwi on the WRS Forum or whatever structure takes its place in the next phase.

#### **3.2 Representation review**

Many members said they agreed with the need for two representatives in the Wairarapa and noted the amount of Council business that was relevant to the Wairarapa e.g. pest control and flood protection. Members also noted the additional councillor in the Porirua/Kapiti area and said that they would like to see a Maori representative elected in that area.

### **3.3 Sustainable Programme of Action for Water**

Carmel Rowlands (Ministry for the Environment) made a presentation on the Government's plans for the Sustainable Programme of Action for Water. She said the Government was not keen on legislative change and that the aim was to make current allocation processes better.

Members expressed their concern with industry-led initiatives and the proposed ministerial advisory group. There was particular concern that the group would be carrying out work already undertaken by other agencies and wouldn't include people who really cared about our future. Members also stated that they would like more interaction more with the Ministry on this matter.

### **3.4 Traditional Maori Environmental Indicators**

Ara Tahi members enquired as to whether the Council used the traditional Maori environmental indicators produced by the Ministry for Environment and what weighting they were given. It was agreed that Council officers would investigate the indicators and see what scope there was to use them in the Council's Long-term Council Community Plan and/or Regional Policy Statement.

## **4. Communication**

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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