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Committee Council
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Ara Tahi Meeting on 12 August 2008

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 12 August 2008.

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. Attendance

<i>Kahungunu ki Wairarapa</i>	Haami Te Whaiti, Paora Ammunson
<i>Ngāti Raukawa</i>	Rupene Waka, Lois McNaught
<i>Ngāti Toa</i>	Graeme Hastilow
<i>Rangitāne o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Teri Puketapu
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana, Shannon Parata
<i>Wellington Tents</i>	Mark Te One
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Glensor and Wilde
<i>Committee Representatives</i>	Caleb Royal, Nelson Rangi, Te Hope Hakaraia

4. Comment

4.1 Māori Constituencies

Ara Tahi was advised of the outcome of Council's consideration of Māori constituencies on 11 August 2008. Members requested that the issue be brought to Ara Tahi's attention earlier next triennium. It was advocated that the reasons for this decision should be communicated by Ara Tahi members back to iwi and the new developments in iwi representation should be promoted. Cr Peter Glensor informed Ara Tahi that the Council had a high level of respect for Ara Tahi's recommendation and passed on the Council's warm acknowledgement of the new Iwi representation arrangements.

4.2 Iwi Management Plans

Ara Tahi has expressed a wish to develop a rohe-wide Iwi Management Plan - the aim of the plan would be to summarise and emphasise what has already been said by collating iwi perspectives. The development of a rohe-wide iwi management plan would require collective iwi leadership and ownership. It would also provide a base of support for individual iwi management plans.

As an example, officers had compiled a summary document on fresh water values, developed by collating all the information that Greater Wellington held on that topic. This helped highlight the point that the information already exists; it is mostly a matter of getting it assembled.

Nigel Corry informed Ara Tahi of the Environment Division's exploration of the option of drawing together Greater Wellington's management plans, and that having an open dialogue with iwi on this would be very useful. It was stressed that the document, once developed, would be owned by iwi. Members pointed out that the work of iwi on the Waikato River with Environment Waikato would be very relevant, and opening some sort of dialogue with them would be helpful.

Members of Ara Tahi raised points regarding the shared knowledge held by the group, and that it has moved beyond being iwi-specific knowledge. A lot of information has been locked into the sphere of Ara Tahi, as it is a sharing space. Ara Tahi is a strong, cohesive group, and documenting common views is an important idea.

4.3 Ara Tahi Representation

Ara Tahi noted a request from a local rūnanga for representation on Ara Tahi.

4.4 Regional Transport Committee nomination

Ara Tahi resolved its nomination for the cultural interests position on the Regional Transport Committee.

5. Communications

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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