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Committee Council
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Ara Tahī Meeting on 11 February 2009

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahī held on 11 February 2009.

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>	Rawiri Smith, Haami Te Whaiti
<i>Ngāti Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek, Te Hope Hakaraia
<i>Rangitāne o Wairarapa</i>	Horipo Rimene
<i>Atiawa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana, Shannon Parata
<i>Wellington Tenth</i>	Liz Mellish, Mark Te One

Greater Wellington Regional Council Crs Wilde and Laidlaw

4. Comment

4.1 Committee representative report on Regional Sustainability Committee

The Māori representative on the Regional Sustainability Committee, Liz Mellish, delivered an update on matters that have been before the committee.

The update gave rise to a discussion on the roles of the Māori representatives on Greater Wellington's standing committees, specifically the relationship between these roles and Ara Tahi. Committees sometimes ask what Ara Tahi's viewpoint is or would be on certain issues, and the Māori representatives don't always have the necessary information to answer this.

It was raised that Ara Tahi has confidence in the Māori representative to make the right calls when they don't have a defined viewpoint from Ara Tahi, as they were appointed on their own personal strengths.

4.2 Māori well-being indicators for Wellington Regional GPI

Ara Tahi was presented with the five proposed indicators for the Māori wellbeing in the region. Members highlighted a number of gaps, as well as questioning the relevance of the indicator relating to Foundation of Research Science and Technology iwi research projects. It was stressed that the indicators in the report are a starting point, and that more can be built into the framework over time. A counter to this was raised, being that the five current indicators approved by Ara Tahi will be inaccurately seen as Ara Tahi's top five priorities for Māori wellbeing.

It was agreed that Ara Tahi would work with the WRS office over the next two weeks to remedy the gaps.

4.3 Revised approach to the review of the Charter of Understanding

Ara Tahi received a report on the revised approach to timeframe and workplan for the charter review. Ara Tahi voiced a desire that the language and wording of the charter take into account the considerable progress made by Ara Tahi since the last charter review.

4.4 Wellington Regional Water Strategy

Ara Tahi was consulted on the issue of developing a Water Strategy for the Wellington region. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for the whole region if Greater Wellington can work with Ara Tahi to develop this strategy.

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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Chair