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Ara Tahi Meeting – 12 November 2003

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 12 November 2003.

2. Background & Comment

2.1 Staff Training

Council officers advised the feedback received from staff attending the Council's Te Reo course was very positive. Officers said they had also explored options for Tikanga training and are aiming to implement this component of the Maori education programme sometime in 2004.

2.2 Iwi Project – Inventory of Maori Heritage Sites and Values

Liz Mellish and Neville Gilmore outlined the work done to date by the Wellington Tenth's Trust on their GIS project. They presented a series of maps of the Port Nicholson Block, which identified Maori legal reserves, wastelands and other sites. The next step in the project will be to compile the relevant historical information from LINZ, the Maori Land Court and the National Archives etc to build a chronological history of events for each identified area.

It was noted that the project will help to inform the business of the Trust, including improving the Trust's own understanding of where they come from and providing a better basis for informing councils' resource consents. The long-term applications of the project are much more far-reaching than originally anticipated, with the possibility of the information being used for social aspects such as health.

2.3 Regional Parks Network Management Plan Update

Ara Tahi noted the Council's approval of the Regional Parks Network Management Plan and were advised of the timetable for the park specific plans.

2.4 Non-notified Consents and Capacity Funding Contracts

Council officers outlined the conclusions of the non-notified consents and capacity funding contracts' review. They confirmed that a report and invoice are now required every *six months*, starting from June 2004, before capacity fund payments will be made.

Members of Ara Tahi suggested some changes to the current report template to make it more user-friendly. Council officers agreed to amend the template accordingly. Once the new version of the report template is finalised, council officers will run through the template with each iwi individually.

2.5 Council's Response to Ngati Tama ki te Upoko o te Ika

Members said that they strongly felt that Ngati Tama ki te Upoko o te Ika already had representation on Ara Tahi, through the Wellington Tenth's Trust. After much debate, it was agreed that the Council should respond to Ngati Tama's request by saying:

- It is the view of Ara Tahi that Ngati Tama has always been represented on Ara Tahi by the Wellington Tenth's Trust.
- If Ngati Tama wish to pursue their place on Ara Tahi, they will need to talk to the Wellington Tenth's Trust and other Te Ati Awa affiliated iwi in the first instance. Those iwi will then need to make a recommendation for Ara Tahi to consider.

3. Recommendation

That the Council receives the report and notes its contents.

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Council Chairperson

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Chairman, Environment Committee