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Committee Council
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Report on the Ara Tahi meeting held on 24 June 2008

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 24 June 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. Comment

3.1 Attendance

The attendees at the meeting were:

*Kahungunu ki
Wairarapa*

Ngāti Raukawa

Ngāti Toa

Rangitāne o Wairarapa

Taranaki Whanui

*Te Ati Awa ki
Whakarongotai*

*Greater Wellington
Regional Council*

Haami Te Whaiti

Te Waari Carkeek, Lois
McNaught

Graeme Hastilow

Alma Mihaere

Teri Puketapu

Jack Rikihana, Shannon Parata

Crs Glensor and Wilde

3.2 Hui a Ara Tahī

Te Waari Carkeek provided an outline of the hui and said one of the key issues for discussion was water. Another key issue was the inclusion of mauri in the Regional Policy Statement and the interpretation of this. There was kōrero about the scale and leverage of iwi working together on common priorities to achieve a big picture view. A shared Iwi Management Plan where iwi collectively agree on key priority areas such as water was promoted and supported. Ara Tahī considered the names put forward as iwi representatives on Committees and endorsed the list to go to Council. Iwi resourcing was another area that was discussed. Ara Tahī supported the development of the Māori Resource Base at Greater Wellington.

The Hui a Ara Tahī is seen as a significant hui for the iwi partners. Iwi members offered their thanks to Greater Wellington for supporting the event and recognising the importance of it.

3.3 Māori Liaison/Kaitakawaenga Report

Mike Grace delivered the report. The new iwi representatives to Council Committees were welcomed by Ara Tahī at the Ara Tahī workshop on 18 July and will be welcomed by Council on 12 August.

Kiri Parata and Mike Grace developed a programme to celebrate *Matariki* at Greater Wellington which included a series of lectures and interactive workshops. The sessions were well attended and appreciated by staff.

A review of the Charter of Understanding is underway. A work programme is being developed.

Mike Grace advised that the Rail Upgrade name process had ended with a very disappointing outcome. Mike Kawana provided an excellent brief supporting a new name.

A working group of Greater Wellington staff is scoping the development of a *Māori Resource Base*. This would bring together all information gathered by Greater Wellington or produced by Ara Tahī or tangata whenua and provide for the opportunity to work smarter with iwi.

Greater Wellington is considering entering the IPANZ Excellence Awards for 2008 in the category *Crown and Tangata Whenua Relationships*. Ara Tahī expressed their support for this.

3.4 WRS Genuine Progress Indicators

Melanie Thornton and Victoria McGregor presented background information on the development of a GPI for the Wellington region and sought advice from Ara Tahī on the preferred mechanism/s for further engagement to ascertain the views of iwi on the cultural elements of the GPI.

Members supported the idea of a workshop in August to learn more about GPI.

3.5 Regional Transport Committee Appointment

Ara Tahi was invited to bring forward nominations and consider these at the next meeting on 12 August. Nominations are also being sought from territorial authorities for the Cultural Interest position.

3.6 Māori Constituencies

Ara Tahi was invited to provide a view on whether the Council should establish a Māori Constituency for the 2010 local elections by 25 July.

3.7 Regional Policy Statement

An update was provided by Tami Woods on the submissions received and an invitation was extended to Ara Tahi to a workshop towards the end of September to consider the proposed changes to the Draft Regional Policy Statement.

4. Communication

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Chair