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Ara Tahi Meeting – 2 February 2005

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 2 February 2005.

2. Background and Comment

2.1 Technical Workshop on Western Corridor transport study

Members of the project team working on the Western Corridor transport study made a presentation to Ara Tahi on the work they had undertaken to date. They asked Ara Tahi how they could best engage with the region's iwi to get their comments on the proposed packages, which would be available from April/May 2005. Ara Tahi suggested holding a workshop to discuss the most appropriate process for consulting iwi on the proposed packages.

2.2 Election of the Chairperson of Ara Tahi

Jack Rikihana was elected the Chairman of Ara Tahi. He thanked the members of Ara Tahi for their confidence in him.

Thomas Paku said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his position as Chairman of Ara Tahi and felt that the relationship between Ara Tahi and the Council had moved ahead in leaps and bounds over the last while.

Ian Buchanan thanked Tom Paku on behalf of the Council for his contribution over the last couple of years.

2.3 Iwi projects

2.3.1 Wellington Tenth's Trust – Inventory of Maori Heritage Sites and Values

Liz Mellish said that the Wellington Tenth's Trust was currently working with Greater Wellington to agree a set of protocols for using the GIS information they have collated.

2.3.2 Ngati Toa Rangitira

Jason Kerehi said that Miria Pomare, Ra Pomare and Greater Wellington have agreed and signed off a contract for the environmental restoration of the waahi tapu behind Hongoeka Marae. He noted that the project would take about one year to complete.

3. Recommendation

That the report be received and its contents noted.

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