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Committee **Ara Tahī**
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Report – Policy Advisor Maori

1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahī with an update since our last meeting on 19 April 2006

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. Iwi Technical Workshops

3.1 Regional Policy Statement Review

A workshop is tentatively planned for Wednesday 12 July. This workshop is a continuation of the consultation process with iwi.

3.2 Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) workshop

This workshop held on 27 April 2006 had vibrant discussion amongst the iwi representatives. The main aim of the workshop was to establish a mechanism that ensured continued involvement of the iwi into the strategy.

Several issues were raised at the workshop that still require feedback from iwi. These issues form the basis of another paper to this meeting.

3.3 Future workshops

A suggestion has been received from the Chair of Ara Tahī to maybe hold a workshop in the future on the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

4. Kaitiaki Hui

Dick Burgess from the Maruwhenua team at the Ministry for the Environment advises that a report is being prepared for the Associate Minister for the Environment and hui keynote speaker, Nanaia Mahuta MP. This report will be sent to all hui attendees.

A summary of your comments on the hui has been drafted and is attached to this report (**Attachment 1**). This will be sent to the Ministry.

5. Hui a Ara Tahī presentation

Te Waari and Jack are progressing on this taake and advise that they still need to consult further with all the iwi. Once this is done then they can finalise the draft before presentation to Ara Tahī and then Greater Wellington Regional Council.

6. Making Good Decisions workshops

Since our last Ara Tahī meeting, two workshops have been held on the accreditation process for hearing commissioners. The first was the introductory course attended by several iwi representatives. The course was considered to be very difficult and involved a lot of preparation and study. Post workshop assignments are due on the 23 June.

The second workshop was for Level Two accreditation. Miria Pomare and Te Akapikirangi Arthur attended.

7. Restructure of Greater Wellington

A question was raised at a previous Ara Tahī meeting for more information on the restructuring at Greater Wellington. An organisation chart is attached to this report (**Attachment 2**).

8. Iwi representation to the Environment Committee

Iwi representation to the Environment Committee was approved by Council on Thursday 1 June 2006. Jack Rikihana was appointed as the Ara Tahī representative to this committee, with full voting rights.

9. Communication

There are no matters in this report that require further communication.

10. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Comments on Kaitiaki Hui

Attachment 2: Restructure of Greater Wellington