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## **Progress Report - Policy Advisor-Maori**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide Ara Tahi with an update since our last meeting on 30 November 2005

### **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. Wellington Regional Strategy submissions**

Ara Tahi have agreed to ongoing involvement in the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum and asked for involvement in the Strategic Partners Forum. Greater Wellington officers have facilitated this relationship through the Project Executive Group, and will likely continue to do so.

### **4. Iwi Technical Workshops for 2006**

#### **4.1 Iwi Appointees and RMA Amendments**

A workshop on Iwi Appointees and amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 was held recently on 25 January 2006. Greater Wellington is now seeking volunteers to be trained as iwi appointees.

#### **4.2 Next workshop**

There are several ideas for future iwi technical workshops. One topic is preparation of the Ara Tahi presentation. Iwi may want to use an iwi technical workshop to brainstorm ideas for the presentation.

## 5. Kaitiaki Hui

You would have received notification of a hui planned for March this year facilitated by the Ministry for the Environment concerning iwi practitioners working with the Resource Management Act. The hui is being hosted by Waikato Tainui at Hopuhopu.

The aim of the agenda is to encourage Iwi/hapu practitioners to network, share best practice and exchange ideas and experiences. The Ministry is currently finalising the agenda and presenters and notification of this event will be available shortly. There are no conference fees except for travel costs and koha.

Ara Tahi might like to consider sending iwi representation to this hui with the council covering the costs.

## 6. Ara Tahi Presentation

One of the suggestions to come from the inaugural Hui-a-Ara Tahi was to develop a presentation about Ara Tahi for Greater Wellington's elected representatives, management, staff and external stakeholders.

The presentation will focus on the history of Ara Tahi, its principles and the expectations for and to the advisory group. It was further agreed at the last Ara Tahi meeting for 2005 (Report 05.661) that this presentation will be ready by 30 June 2006.

To progress the completion of this presentation it is suggested that Ara Tahi select a sub-committee to advance the project and set out a work programme for the next six months. The Māori Policy Advisors will assist with the project. It is further suggested that Ara Tahi consider utilising a technical workshop to get wider input into the presentation.

## 7. Communication

No communication is considered necessary.

## 8. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. *receives the report;*
2. *note the content;*
3. *confirm nominees to council for addition to iwi appointee list; and*
4. *nominate and confirm Ara Tahi representation to the Kaitiaki Hui in March.*

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