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Ara Tahi Meeting on 3 October 2007

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 3 October 2007.

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. Background and Comment

3.1 Chairpersons mihi

Jack Rikihana congratulated Te Waari Carkeek for his election to the position of Tumuaki (Chair) of Te Runanga o Raukawa. This appointment is for one calendar year.

3.2 Managing Coastal Hazards

Ara Tahi was given a presentation by Iain Dawe on the Coastal Hazards research which is currently being undertaken to ensure that the environment is protected. Members were informed of the many issues including sea level rise, coastal development pressures, coastal erosion and climate change.

Iwi members were appreciative of the presentation and made several comments including past engineering failures; whether territorial authorities had capacity to deal with issues, insurance issues and that managing coasts will require a co-operative effort.

3.3 Update Regional Policy Process

Laura Paynter gave an oral report on the status of the RPS work. Laura is currently reworking the iwi chapter from the work initially done by Dr Bev James so that it is in a more familiar frame for the final Policy Statement.

Although a lot of information had already been gathered from iwi it was suggested that Greater Wellington revisit the regional issues of significance to iwi to see if they are still relevant at a local level as much of the RPS is targeted to local authorities. It was agreed that Greater Wellington staff will contact each iwi individually. Scott Ihaka will take on the work associated with the iwi chapter from November 2007.

Laura gave a breakdown of the submission comments received concerning iwi matters. Ara Tahi was also informed of the new timeline and a release date of the draft RPS in February 2008.

3.4 Ara Tahi Representation Policy

Ara Tahi was given the opportunity to reconfirm the terms of reference around their mandated representation ie. two members per iwi. Ara Tahi also discussed iwi representation to council committees and was informed that the incoming council will decide on this and officers will report back to Ara Tahi once a decision has been made by the incoming Council.

Ara Tahi reminded Greater Wellington that in terms of consultation it was often convenient for agencies to consult with all seven iwi through Ara Tahi but that it was still recommended that they consult with each iwi individually.

The Chairperson asked iwi through members to reconfirm their mandated representatives and alternates to Francis Ryan, Manager-Secretariat as soon as possible.

3.5 Report – Kaitakawaenga

3.5.1 Iwi Capacity Funding contracts

Iwi were reminded to return signed contracts for the 2007/08 period to Greater Wellington.

3.5.2 Elements Article

It was noted that the recent article in Elements on Ara Tahi had received recognition from the Human Rights Commission as a good example of iwi/council relationships. The article also received mention in the Tu Tangata publication (Whitiwhiti Korero).

3.5.3 Ara Tahi discussed the proposed Health Impact Assessment on the publication 'Regional issues of significance to iwi' by Regional Public Health. Ara Tahi agreed that Council officers will report back to the December Ara Tahi meeting on options for progressing the Whanau Ora Health Impact Assessment of this section of the RPS.

3.5.4 Calendar of Events 2008

Ara Tahi confirmed in principle the proposed dates for 2008.

3.5.5 Other comments

Rupene Waaka noted his thanks to the departing Councillors.

Te Waari Carkeek requested that Greater Wellington staff prepare a paper for the December meeting reflecting on some of the key achievements of Ara Tahi over the past triennium.

3.6 General Business

Cr Buchanan acknowledged the input from iwi towards Council during his tenure as Chair of Greater Wellington. He added that he had been around the Ara Tahi table since its inception in 1993 and along with Rupene Waaka they remained the only original members.

Cr Turver reflected on his relationship with iwi through Ara Tahi over the past nine years. He gave his thanks to iwi members for what he had learned over this time.

Te Waari Carkeek noted the development by Horizons Regional Council of their 'One Plan'. He said that it offers iwi an opportunity to engage with Horizons and that this would be modelled on Ara Tahi.

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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