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Ara Tahī Meeting on 19 August 2009

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahī held on 19 August 2009.

2. Attendance

<i>Kahungunu ki Wairarapa</i>	Nelson Rangi, Rawiri Smith
<i>Ngāti Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek
<i>Rangitāne o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Atiawa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana
<i>Ngāti Toa Rangatira</i>	Graeme Hastilow
<i>Taranaki Whānui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Cr Peter Glensor and Cr Fran Wilde.

Also present

Cr Aitken, Cr Baber, Bidy Livesey, Anthony Cole

3. Comment

3.1 Kaitakawaenga report – August 2009

The Kaitakawaenga were congratulated for their work in promoting Te Wiki o te Reo Māori at the Council.

3.2 Transport and Access Committee, Regional Transport Committee Report – Jack Rikihana

Jack Rikihana explained to Ara Tahi his roles on both the committees on which he is a representative, as well as explaining the functions and responsibilities of those committees. He also advised Ara Tahi that a Regional Land Transport Strategy paper will be going out for consultation in early 2010. Ara Tahi may wish to prepare a submission on it.

3.3 Changes to the review of the Charter of Understanding

Lee Rauhina-August, Kaitakawaenga, explained the reasoning behind the proposed deferment of the Charter review. Ara Tahi members considered that although this was a reasonable approach, it would be best to press on with the current review. Members voiced the sentiment that although there are some uncertainties at the moment, if the process is delayed there are likely to be other barriers to contend with when it is picked up at a later date anyway.

The recommendations were therefore amended to reflect Ara Tahi's decision to press on with the review.

3.4 Ara Tahi Water Plan iwi project

Kaitakawaenga Mike Grace informed the group that with the establishment of the new Natural Resource Management Plan Development Committee, the context of the project has changed. The group felt that with the new situation, there was little need for Ara Tahi to pursue the issue in its current form. It was, however, emphasised that Ara Tahi should provide support to the new group so that they hit the ground running and are up to speed with the progress made by Ara Tahi so far. The group decided that the matter of whether to progress the Ara Tahi water plan should be discussed at the next scheduled Ara Tahi workshop.

3.5 Natural Resource Management Plan Development Committee

Cr Fran Wilde spoke to Ara Tahi about the recently established committee. She assured Ara Tahi that the arrangements around non-Councillor appointments to the committee do not detract from the Council's obligation to consult and work with iwi. She thanked iwi for the nominations received. Cr Wilde explained the role of the

committee, focusing on the bottom-up approach that it would be taking to develop an integrated management plan.

Cr Wilde was asked for further details on the role of the non-Councillor appointees on the committee, and what their relationship with Ara Tahi is understood to be. She stressed that the relationship under the Charter of Understanding is with individual iwi, and therefore those iwi, rather than Ara Tahi as a whole, were approached for nominations.

3.6 GPI Research at Te Wānanga o Raukawa

Anthony Cole from Te Wānanga o Raukawa gave a presentation to the group about the development of genuine progress indicators, using practices at Te Wānanga o Raukawa as an example of the indicators in action.

4. Communications

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.*

Report prepared by:

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Chair