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Ara Tahi Meeting - 26 May 2004

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 26 May 2004.

2. Background and Comment

2.1 Process for Transfund and Maori to Engage

Wayne Donnelly of Transfund made a presentation to Ara Tahi on the role of Transfund and their obligations to engage with Maori. He asked Ara Tahi to work with Transfund to find an efficient, effective and relevant way for both parties to engage. It was suggested that the iwi technical workshop on 16 June would be the most appropriate time to discuss such matters.

2.2 Representatives from Ara Tahi to Attend the Maori Legal Forum and the Local Government New Zealand Conference

Ara Tahi agreed that Jack Rikihana would attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference, and Miria Pomare and Ihaia Puketapu would go to the Maori Legal Forum.

2.3 Progress on Iwi Projects

2.3.1 Inventory of Maori Heritage Sites and Values - Wellington Tenths Trust

The Wellington Tenths Trust said they continue to work with Massey University staff on this project. They are currently increasing the mapping and text data for each site, which will make the information they have gathered even more robust. The information they have gathered will also be used to revise the Nga Taonga manual.

2.3.2 Iwi Environmental Management Plan – Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui

Ihaia Puketapu said that Taranaki Whanui’s draft environmental management plan is now 90% complete. The executive summary will be put on their website as soon as it is finished, along with a link to the full document.

2.3.3 Water Monitoring Project – Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai

Jack Rikihana said that a report on the data collected from bores in the Kapiti Coast area would be produced soon. The results from the data are proving to be very interesting and will be put to good use. They are hoping to collect the data for at least another year, so that the data from two or three summers can be compared.

2.3.4 Ngati Hamua GIS Project – Rangitaane o Wairarapa

Jason Kerehi said the book on the history of Rangitaane o Wairarapa would be published in about August this year.

2.4 **Hui to further discuss options for Greater Wellington to consult with Maori**

Ara Tahi decided to organise a hui to further discuss the issues and options to enable Greater Wellington to meet the requirements for Maori in the Local Government Act 2002. Members discussed the importance of having a consultation process that acknowledges “tikanga”, but is also mindful of other Maori who need to be considered (urban Maori).

2.5 **Ngati Tama Update**

Members noted that Te Puoho Katene, a Ngati Tama kaumatua, had written to the Council challenging the mandate of the Wellington Tenth Trust to represent the interests of Ngati Tama on Ara Tahi. The Wellington Tenth Trust said they would still expect this group of Ngati Tama to consult with them in terms of their representation on Ara Tahi.

2.6 **Process for Managing Requests to Use or Remove Natural Materials from Regional Parks and Forests**

Ara Tahi supported the proposed process for managing requests to use or remove natural materials from regional parks and forests. When asked about the most appropriate level of tangata whenua involvement in the process, members indicated that the preferred level of input would change from iwi to iwi. Officers decided to speak to each iwi individually on this matter.

All members of Ara Tahi agreed that they would like applicants to deal directly with the relevant iwi, as is the case with resource consents.

2.7 Proposed Bovine Tb Management 2004/05 – 2006/07

Officers advised iwi that vector control contractors would contact them more over the next few years. The Animal Health Board is expanding their vector control programme and contractors carrying out this work must consult with iwi on matters of significance.

Officers advised that they would be providing an annual overview of the programme to Ara Tahi. They also said they would be happy to talk with individual iwi about any issues in more detail if required.

2.8 Signs in our Parks and Forests

Members of Ara Tahi said that the signs in Greater Wellington's parks and forests could better reflect the relationship between Ara Tahi and the Council. Officers said that the Parks and Forests Department were looking at reviewing the signs as they went through each of the park management plans and took note of this feedback.

3. Recommendation

That the Council receives the report and notes its contents.

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