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Report on Ara Tahi meeting - 19 April 2006

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held 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. Background and Comment

3.1 Waiwhetu Stream

Iwi members identified that water quality was a key issue for Ara Tahi. Members expressed their deep concern about the water quality of Waiwhetu Stream and requested that the Council take urgent action to remedy the situation.

3.2 Ara Tahi representative on the Environment Committee

Ara Tahi confirmed their support for a member of Ara Tahi to be appointed, with voting rights, to the Environment Committee. Ara Tahi nominated Jack Rikihana, Chairman of Ara Tahi, for this role. The Environment Committee will consider his appointment and, if approved, will make a recommendation to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

3.3 Te Puni Kokiri Report

Ara Tahi members were provided with a copy of Te Puni Kokiri's publication, which assesses Maori and Council engagement under the Resource Management Act 1991. It was noted that, while Ara Tahi had confronted many of the issues addressed in the publication, two areas still needed work:

- Building technical RMA capability within iwi authorities
- Succession planning for young Maori in RMA expertise.

3.4 Regional Policy Statement Discussion Document

Ara Tahi approved of the Iwi and Resource Management chapter of the Regional Policy Statement Discussion Document. They expressed their interest in the other chapters of the Regional Policy Statement and said that they were keen to focus on possible solutions to the issues identified by the efficiency and effectiveness evaluations in their July workshop.

3.5 Uncertainty and Risk Strategy

Ara Tahi discussed the importance of the Council having a strategy to address the risk and uncertainties highlighted in the Wellington Regional Strategy background technical papers.

Ara Tahi unanimously resolved to ask the Council to consider adopting the Wellington Regional Strategy uncertainties and risk strategy (**Attachment 1**) as Greater Wellington's own strategy as soon as possible. Ara Tahi had previously resolved to ask the Council to adopt this strategy at its meeting on 30 November 2005 and this was reported to Council at its meeting in December 2005.

3.6 Iwi commissioners

Ara Tahi nominated Ra Pomare and Heitia Raureti for accreditation as iwi appointees for hearing committees and Tom Paku withdrew from this process.

4. Communication

Ara Tahi will be advised of the Council's decision on the adoption of the *Wellington Regional Strategy Uncertainties and Risk Strategy*.

5. Recommendations

That Council:

1. ***Receives*** the report.
2. ***Notes*** the content of the report.
3. ***Considers*** the Council's response to Ara Tahi's request under item 3.5 of this report.

Report approved by:



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Attachment 1: Wellington Regional Strategy Uncertainties and Risk Strategy