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Ara Tahi Meeting on 27 September 2006

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 27 September 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 Wellington Regional Strategy - Update

Ara Tahi was advised that the Council was about to undertake consultation on Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS), which was being launched on Friday 29 September at the Westpac Trust Stadium.

Members discussed the appointment of Ngatata Love to the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee. Mr Love was appointed as a non-local government member suitable to represent the interests of Maori.

3.2 Presentations

Ara Tahi received presentations on the reassessment of the toxin 1080 by the Environmental Risk Management Authority, recreation grades for bathing sites in the Wellington region and the Take Care programme's activities and achievements in the 2005/06 financial year.

Members resolved to support the toxin 1080 reassessment process and agreed to consider making a submission in support of the application.

3.3 Update of Regional Policy Statement Review

Members were provided with a copy of a report entitled *Resource Management Issues of Significance to Iwi Authorities of the Wellington Region* that summarises feedback from all iwi in relation to the Regional Policy Statement. Members requested that notes taken by Bev James from her meetings with individual iwi be attached as an appendix to that report.

Members confirmed 22 November 2006 as a suitable date for a workshop of regional Councillors and Ara Tahi to look at issues of significance to iwi.

3.4 Hui a Ara Tahi

Members decided that the upcoming Hui a Ara Tahi would be held on 16-17 November at Matiu/Somes Island.

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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