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Committee **Council**
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Ara Tahi Meeting on 6 December 2006

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 6 December 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 Presentations

Ara Tahi received presentations on contaminants in shellfish, the Annual Environmental Report Cards and on At the Heart, a physical activity strategy for the region.

Members expressed concerns as to whether At the Heart took into account the full spectrum of cultural differences between Maori and non-Maori. Ara Tahi resolved to invite a more detailed presentation when the strategy is developed.

3.2 Regional Policy Statement Review

Members were provided with options for involvement as provisions (objectives, policies and methods) are developed in response to the resource management issues of significance to iwi authorities.

Members stressed the importance of pursuing full participation, and resolved to initially take the presented option of full Ara Tahi involvement. This will involve at least one workshop with all members of Ara Tahi. Decisions regarding further involvement will be made after the workshop.

3.3 Draft Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy

Ara Tahī received a presentation on the information contained in the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy and outlined the opportunities for submissions on the plan.

It was discussed that the council needs to readdress its plans surrounding peak-oil, and that a paper would be prepared on the issue.

3.4 Iwi Management Plans

The issue of Council's funding commitment to the development of Iwi management plans was discussed. It was agreed that more information would be sought on the matter.

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.*

Report approved by:

Councillor McDavitt