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Committee Council
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Ara Tahi Meeting on 5 December 2007

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 5 December 2007.

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. Comment

3.1 Attendance

The attendees at the meeting were:

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa

Haami Te Whaiti

Ngati Raukawa

Te Waari Carkeek, Lois McNaught

Ngati Toa Rangatira

Graeme Hastilow, Te Akapikirangi
Arthur

Rangitaane o Wairarapa

Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene

Taranaki Whanui

Teri Puketapu

Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai

Jack Rikihana

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Cr Fran Wilde, Cr Peter Glensor and Cr
Sally Baber

3.2 Whanau Ora Health Impact Assessment – Regional Policy Statement

Kiri Parata spoke to this report, providing Ara Tahī with an update on the Whanau Ora Health Impact Assessment and the recommendation not to proceed with the assessment. Thanks were extended to Murdoch Pahi, Dr Stephen Palmer and Dr Melissa Mcleod from Regional Public Health for their work, and Mr Pahi thanked Ara Tahī in return for the work that they had done.

3.3 Resource Statements for Greater Wellington’s Parks and Forests

Murray Waititi, Manager Parks, spoke to this report and outlined the process of developing a Māori history of the land contained in the regional parks and forests. He also outlined the steps that would be taken to revise the four histories that were published without iwi consultation.

Members raised the issue that the five year cycle for amending park management plans may be too long to wait to review the histories, as their current state was unacceptable. It was suggested that in the event of a Lake Wairarapa regional park being created, the histories of the land should be investigated and incorporated from the start.

3.4 Iwi Representation on Committees

Cr Wilde discussed the Council’s new committee structure, and the principles behind this reorganisation. A final, updated version of terms of reference was tabled at the meeting and the basic details of iwi representation on these committees were outlined.

Ara Tahī members expressed happiness at the Council’s new approach to representation on Council committees. Alma Mihaere also spoke in support of Cr Wilde’s suggestion that the scope for representatives on the committees should be extended to include the younger members of the iwi involved, but clarified that they should ultimately be the person best suited for the role.

3.5 Election of Ara Tahī Chair

Jack Rikihana vacated the Chair and nominations for the new Chair were taken. Te Waari Carkeek, being the only nomination, was elected Chair of Ara Tahī. Cr Fran Wilde extended her congratulations and welcome, and thanked Jack Rikihana for the work he had done for Ara Tahī in his term as Chair. Mr Rikihana also congratulated Te Waari Carkeek on his election as Chair.

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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Chair