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Ara Tahī Meeting - 6 April 2005

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahī held on 6 April 2005.

2. Background and Comment

2.1 The Wellington Regional Strategy and the role of Ara Tahī

It was clarified that there is a desire for Ara Tahī's two representatives currently on the Wellington Regional Strategy forum to continue in their role until the project is completed. Consultation with individual iwi on the strategy will also be undertaken. Graham Spargo, the Wellington Regional Strategy's Project Manager, has asked Ara Tahī to provide guidance on the best process to make consultation with iwi meaningful.

2.2 Iwi-a-Rohe

Ara Tahī members stressed the importance of hui-a-iwi in order to discuss the overall iwi position on the key issues of Greater Wellington. They estimated they would require one or two hui-a-iwi a year and asked for financial support from the Council for the hui.

Councillor Buchanan indicated that the Council would be happy to support the hui-a-iwi. It was agreed that Ara Tahī's chairperson, Jack Rikihana, would talk to Wayne Hastie about possible dates and funding for the hui.

2.3 Draft report on Iwi-a-Rohe Sustainable Economic Development and the Wellington Regional Growth Strategy

Officers presented the report produced by Bev James of Public Policy and Research. The report focuses on the alignment between iwi-a-rohe sustainable economic development and the Wellington Regional Strategy. The purpose of the report is to ensure that iwi-a-rohe aspirations, perspectives and issues

regarding sustainable economic development are understood and incorporated into the Wellington Regional Strategy. The key findings summary will be completed by 27 April 2005.

2.4 New iwi member

Jack Rikihana introduced Daniel Mullen as Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai's new representative on Ara Tahi.

2.5 Iwi projects

2.5.1 Wellington Tenth Trust

Officers advised that the Wellington Tenth Trust were currently working with Greater Wellington, Wellington City Council, Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council to develop protocols to ensure the appropriate use of the GIS data that has been received.

2.5.2 Ngati Toa Rangatira

Officer noted that good progress had been made on the track to the urupā, behind Hongoeka Marae.

3. Recommendation

That Council receives the report and notes its contents

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