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## **Ara Tahi Meeting on 30 November 2005**

### **1. Purpose**

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 30 November 2005.

### **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 Peak Oil – An Urgent Issue for New Zealand**

Ara Tahi heard two presentations on the issue of peak oil. Tim Jones, from the Sustainable Energy Forum, discussed the implications an oil shortage could have for New Zealand and local government. He implored local government to take a precautionary approach and stressed the need for local government to plan how they would manage such an oil shortage crisis.

Ara Tahi agreed to recommend to Council that Greater Wellington adopt the Wellington Regional Strategy *Uncertainty and Risk Strategy*, specifically acknowledging the five mega-trends or uncertainties that may call into question conventional economic assumptions.

#### **3.2 Hui-a-Ara Tahi**

Ara Tahi members discussed how valuable the Hui-a-Ara Tahi on 31 October and 1 November 2005 was. They said the hui enabled them to come together as one people and produce a joint vision and strategic plan for Ara Tahi for the next two years. Ara Tahi decided to present the report of their hui and a powerpoint presentation to the Council by 30 June 2006.

### **3.3 Outcomes of the 2005 Consents Review**

Officers advised Ara Tahi of the key changes resulting from the recent consents review, particularly those changes relating to iwi appointees. It was noted that a workshop would be held later in January 2006 to go over the changes, and talk about the formal accreditation process and nominations for additional iwi appointees. Ara Tahi agreed to bring their nominations for additional iwi appointees to the meeting of Ara Tahi on 1 February 2006.

## **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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