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Committee Ara Tahi
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1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahi with an update since our last meeting on 6 August 2006.

2. Funding for iwi

2.1 Finalising contracts for 2005/06

We ask that iwi representatives ensure that reports and invoices for the last financial year are completed and sent through to Greater Wellington. We require the six-month report for the Admin Funding up to 30 June 2006. We also need reports for the last quarter (Apr-Jun 06) for the non-notified contract and an invoice.

2.2 Capacity Building 2006/07

Funding to iwi will now be combined into a single agreement. Your iwi authorities will have received a letter outlining the proposed changes, as well as a new contract, reporting template and purchase order. Payments will be made quarterly and the first invoices can be sent to us from the end of September.

2.3 Iwi Project funding to date

Proposals for this financial year can still be received.

As advised at the last Ara Tahi meeting, we will be inviting iwi to submit future proposals through the annual planning process. Submissions to the annual plan can be made towards the end of this calendar year or early next year. We agreed that we would discuss this process further with you at the next Hui a Ara Tahi.

3. Ara Tahi presentation to Council

Thank you for getting your information on your respective iwi to Te Waari for this presentation. We would like to confirm that the presentation will be made to Council at its meeting on 17 October.

4. Hui a Ara Tahi

Iwi representatives indicated that they would like to hold a second Hui a Ara Tahi in the latter part of this year. The venue and timing of this hui and issues for discussion, need to be agreed on.

Issues noted so far include:

- Discussion on funding, principally the annual planning process and what iwi need to be aware of when making submissions;
- Environmental Sustainability and how iwi can work with Greater Wellington;
- Traditional Māori environmental indicators; and
- Iwi Management Plans

5. Follow up from last Ara Tahi

5.1 Ara Tahi Scholarship

It was suggested at the last Ara Tahi meeting that a scholarship be created to encourage younger Māori into the field of environmental studies. Greater Wellington is investigating how could be progressed.

5.2 Māori Environmental Indicators

This issue was raised as something that Ara Tahi should consider. Greater Wellington staff will prepare a paper for the next Ara Tahi meeting. As indicated above there is also an opportunity for iwi to discuss this topic at the next Hui a Ara Tahi.

5.3 Ara Tahi logo

Our Communications staff team are in the midst of recruiting more staff and will be able to spend time on this matter in the coming months. Progress will be reported to the next Ara Tahi meeting.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Ara Tahi will be held in the Masterton office Committee Room on Wednesday 6 December starting at 10am.

7. **Communication**

There are no matters in this report that require further communication.

8. **Recommendations**

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives** the report.*
2. ***Notes** the content of the report.*
3. ***Confirm** that the Ara Tahi presentation will be made to the Council meeting on 12 October 2006.*
4. ***Decide** the date and venue of the next Hui a Ara Tahi.*

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