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Report of Ara Tahi meeting - 27 February 2007

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 27 February 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. Background and Comment

3.1 Regional Policy Statement Review

Ara Tahi was provided with an oral update on the progress with the review of the Regional Policy Statement. Information gained from the Ara Tahi workshop on 13 February 2007 was being fed into the objectives, policies and methods document, which would be shortly circulated to Ara Tahi members for comment.

The Council Chairman advised that while the current Regional Policy Statement has a section dedicated to iwi, references to iwi would be integrated throughout the new document.

3.2 Framework for Instream Flow Assessment in the Wellington Region

Ara Tahi received a presentation on the development of the assessment framework, which is proposed for initial trial on two Wairarapa waterways.

Members were provided with a copy of the working document entitled *Framework for Instream Flow Assessment in the Wellington Region*, which is to be enriched through input with stakeholders, including iwi, before its eventual consideration by Council.

3.3 Ara Tahī Chair – background paper

Ara Tahī considered a paper that outlined the history of the rotation and tenure of the Ara Tahī Chair. Ara Tahī agreed that decisions on the tenure and appointment of the Ara Tahī Chair should be deferred until the next Ara Tahī meeting, so that the matters could be considered in more detail at the Hui a Ara Tahī.

3.4 Hui a Ara Tahī

Ara Tahī agreed to hold the next Hui a Ara Tahī on 12 and 13 April 2007 at either Matiu/Somes Island or Stella Maris Conference Centre.

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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