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Committee Council
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Ara Tahi Meeting on 9 May 2007

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 9 May 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

Members were presented with the draft objectives and methods of the Regional Policy Statement review and the outline of material to be covered at the workshop on 21 May 2007. Ara Tahi members suggested that that the “longevity of the mauri” should be the overarching goal and that the Regional Policy Statement and iwi management plans should be in harmony.

3.2 Wellington Tenths GIS Proposal

Ara Tahi received a presentation on Wellington Tenths Trust’s Geographic Information System (GIS) database. The presentation included a demonstration on the GIS software’s ability to record information on sites of cultural and historical significance in the Wellington region.

3.3 Integrated Catchment Management Update

Members advised that for this discussion, and other matters concerning water in the Wairarapa, that relevant Ara Tahi members be contacted directly at the planning stage.

3.4 Hui a Ara Tahi Report

In light of confusion among Ara Tahi members concerning the funding process for Ara Tahi initiatives, members highlighted the need for a funding application template from Council, as well as information on funding criteria and limits, and dates for funding applications to be considered in the annual planning process. It was decided that council officers would undertake this task.

4. Communication

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

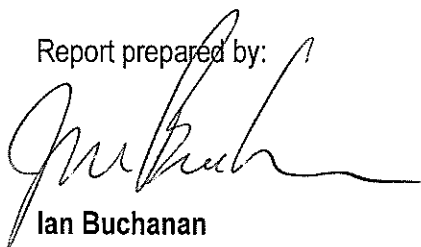
5. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Receives the report.

2. Notes the content of the report.

Report prepared by:

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Ian Buchanan
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