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Committee Council  
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## Ara Tahi Meeting on 9 April 2009

### 1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 9 April 2009.

### 2. Attendance

<i>Kahungunu ki Wairarapa</i>	Rawiri Smith
<i>Ngāti Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek, Te Hope Hakaraia
<i>Rangitāne o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Atiawa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana, Shannon Parata
<i>Ngati Toa Rangatira</i>	Graeme Hastilow, Te Akapikirangi Arthur
<i>Wellington Tenth</i>	Liz Mellish, Mark Te One

*Greater Wellington Regional Council* Cr Fran Wilde, Cr Sally Baber

### Also Present

Nigel Kirkpatrick, Penny Gibson, Tui Te Hau (Grow Wellington)

### **3. Comment**

#### **3.1 Presentation on Proposed 10 Year Plan 2009-19**

David Benham and Cr Wilde delivered a presentation on Greater Wellington's Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) addressing the "key issues" of the plan.

Some members asked why the direction of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS), specifically reference to Mauri and cultural health, is not incorporated into the document more. Cr Wilde agreed that it could have been worked in more, but the RPS is a stand alone document with solid legal backing, so carries firm weight on its own. The transition to GPI is still underway, so the cultural health indicators won't be introduced until the next LTCCP.

It was noted during discussions on the RPS that the inclusion of a "significant land areas" list of sites would be delayed because of some deficiencies in the supporting information. The question was raised as to whether the LTCCP would provide for funding to develop this. Cr Wilde said that Greater Wellington would be working with Territorial Authorities to develop an RPS implementation programme and this issue would be addressed at that stage.

#### **3.2 Kaitakawaenga Report – April 2009**

Members of Ara Tahi commented that it is difficult to keep track of closing dates for submissions, and this was reinforced by others who highlighted a "capacity void" in the co-ordination of Ara Tahi-wide submissions. Currently there is too much stress to get a submission in with limited time for discussion. It was pointed out that the issue is structural, as Ara Tahi is a governance group, and although iwi can talk to Greater Wellington officers for technical advice, it is difficult to find people or funding to efficiently communicate Māori-specific issues to Council.

#### **3.3 Committee representative report on Finance, Audit and Risk Committee – Te Hope Hakaraia**

Te Hope Hakaraia spoke to Ara Tahi about his role on the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. There was some discussion on the role of committee representatives, and their responsibility and accountability to Ara Tahi. As this arrangement is still in its early stages, it was agreed that some of the communication issues would be resolved over time as Ara Tahi and the committee representatives work more closely together.

### **3.4 Grow Wellington**

Nigel Kirkpatrick, Chief Executive of Grow Wellington, along with colleagues Tui Te Hau and Penny Gibson, came to speak to Ara Tahi about the Grow Wellington's structure and involvement in Māori business.

### **3.5 Parks Network Strategy**

Murray Waititi delivered an introductory report on the Parks Network Strategy to Ara Tahi. It was decided that the Greater Wellington Parks department would release a survey to Ara Tahi members, and then Ara Tahi would meet to discuss their overall response at a workshop.

## **4. Communications**

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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Chair