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Ara Tahi Meeting on 1 December 2009

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 1 December 2009.

2. Attendance

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa

Nelson Rangi, Rawiri Smith

Ngāti Raukawa

Te Waari Carkeek, Te Hope Hakaraia

Rangitāne o Wairarapa

Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene

Taranaki Whānui

Ihaia Puketapu

Atiawa ki Whakarongotai

Jack Rikihana

Ngāti Toa Rangatira

Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Graeme Hastilow,
Jennie Smeaton

Wellington Tents Trust

Liz Mellish, Mark Te One

Greater Wellington Regional Council Cr Wilde

Also Present

Cr Baber

3. Introduction

Graeme Hastilow introduced Jennie Smeaton from Ngāti Toa Rangatira, who will be taking Graeme's place as a mandated representative on Ara Tahi in future.

4. Comment

4.1 Kaitakawaenga report – 1 December 2009

There was a brief discussion of Lee Rauhina-August's role on the IPENZ Rivers Group. Members were interested to know what the exact mandate of the group was, and Lee informed the group that this was one of the issues currently being discussed at the group's meetings.

Nelson Rangi expressed his satisfaction that work would continue to progress on the review of the Charter of Understanding.

4.2 Regulatory Committee update to Ara Tahi – Nelson Rangi

Nelson Rangi spoke to Ara Tahi about his role on the Regulatory Committee. He outlined the key responsibilities of the committee, and the people who worked both on and with the committee.

4.2 Response to LTCCP Submission and GW Restructure

Cr Wilde spoke to Ara Tahi in response to its submission on Greater Wellington's 10 year plan. She covered the submission's points on cultural health monitoring, which is an active work programme for the Council and is related to the work of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Plans Committee. She also addressed joint iwi projects, and informed the group that they are on the Council work programme but are dependant on Ara Tahi discussions.

Cr Wilde passed the discussion on to David Benham, Chief Executive of Greater Wellington, who walked Ara Tahi through the Council's recent restructure, including the development of a department for managing the Council's relationships with the mana whenua and taura here of the region. This department falls under the new Strategy and Community Engagement Group, with its manager having a seat on the executive leadership team. A brief discussion followed on both the naming of the department, as well as the recruitment process being undertaken to find a manager. Ara Tahi were informed that the Council would be looking to give the department, and the positions within Māori names. They were also told that once the job description is finalised, a member of Ara Tahi would be sought to sit on the interview panel.

As the new General Manager of the Strategy and Community Engagement Group - which will be responsible for the new, Māori Relations

department - Jane Davis took the opportunity to introduce herself to Ara Tahī.

Members of Ara Tahī reacted positively to the news of the restructure, and observed that it is a positive reflection of Ara Tahī's relationship with the Council.

4.3 Parks Network Strategy and parks' plan review

Murray Waititi spoke to the report. Liz Mellish raised the relationship that this work would have with the Great Harbour Way. It was acknowledged that although this would align closely with park management plans, the current project is a consolidation of existing documents, and the Great Harbour Way would be incorporated as it is developed further down the track. It was suggested that the employment, or secondment, of a dedicated iwi member to coordinate and respond within iwi authorities would be ideal. The group expressed their preference for option 1, which is to talk with iwi through a series of meetings throughout Wellington.

4.4 Māori consultation in Public Transport Service Reviews

Doug Weir spoke to this report. The group agreed that it was more of an operational matter than governance, and that it would be better to get in touch with Māori partnership boards and also DHBs, as one of the key issues involved is access to hospitals. There was a shared sentiment within the group that the issue is more of a bigger picture one, as it is one of the areas where the needs of Māori are the same as those of the wider community.

Rob Arrowsmith took this time to briefly introduce work that has been carried out in the Hutt Valley, concerning the use of Māori and Pacific art and motifs to deter graffiti and vandalism on bus and train stop shelters. Ara Tahī encouraged the use of art, as it reinforces the collective respect for the cultures across the community, but were careful to point out that the use of it carries responsibility, and careful judgement should be exercised in terms of respectful placement.

4.5 Iwi update – Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust – Wellington Tenth

Mark Te One and Liz Mellish gave background on the settlement and the process undertaken, as well as giving their reflections and lessons learnt from the process, and the journey forward from here.

4.6 General Business

Te Hope Hakaraia brought to the attention of Ara Tahī the upcoming Freshwater Hui, to be held on 10 December at the Westpac Stadium.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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