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Committee Council  
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## **Ara Tahi Meeting on 13 June 2007**

### **1. Purpose**

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 13 June 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 Passenger Transport Committee**

Cr Glensor spoke on the role and current activities of the Passenger Transport Committee, as well as outlining future activities. Ara Tahi raised concerns surrounding the provision of school buses. Memembers noted that the Council is not responsible for these services, (the Ministry of Education and the individual schools are) but enquired as to the extent that the Council is involved with those services run by Stagecoach and Metlink, as well the level of accountability and influence the Passenger Transport Committee has over such services.

#### **3.2 Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy**

Officials from the Department of Labour informed Ara Tahi of the Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy and outlined the proposed steps it would be taking in regard to consultation with Iwi in the Wellington Region. Ara Tahi expressed reservations at joining the strategy, and decided to caucus at some time on the matter to bring issues to the table before making any decisions regarding their level of involvement in the strategy.

### **3.3 Ngati Raukawa Environmental Management Unit**

Ngati Raukawa members presented Ara Tahi with background information on the newly established Environmental Resource Unit, as well as the unit's current project "Recoveries 2006" – a plastic waste recoveries business based in Otaki.

### **3.4 Report Policy Advisor Maori**

The recent changes and amendments in regard to aquaculture were raised, and it was decided that Ara Tahi should discuss these in relation to the Regional Policy Statement. Council officers also presented Ara Tahi with information on the forthcoming triennial elections and how Greater Wellington might work with Ara Tahi to foster participation in the elections.

## **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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