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## Remuneration for the Chair of Ara Tahi

### 1. Purpose

For the Council to approve remuneration payable to the Chair of Ara Tahi.

### 2. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002. Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

#### 2.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

### 3. Background

With the new arrangements for Ara Tahi coming into effect in 2011, each organisation represented in the Ara Tahi inter-iwi representative group meets their own costs of participation.

These new arrangements include that Ara Tahi is more strategic in focus and direction. The Chair of Ara Tahi was elected at the group's December meeting and will be instrumental in leading the new Ara Tahi and showcasing it as a leadership forum for iwi and Greater Wellington representatives. As it is expected that the Chair will have additional duties in the administration and

conduct of Ara Tahi meetings, it is considered appropriate that the Chair should be eligible to receive remuneration for these additional commitments.

#### **4. Comment**

The Chair of Ara Tahi will be required to attend and chair up to four meetings per year and additional duties will include the following:

- a. Liaison with Greater Wellington's elected members and officers to confirm agenda items
- b. Liaison with iwi leadership to confirm/discuss agenda items
- c. Research agenda items with iwi and Greater Wellington officers
- d. Independent visits to iwi pre and post meetings to gain understanding of iwi views and positions on high level discussion matters
- e. Provide communications, liaison, mediation and administration for iwi and Greater Wellington as required
- f. Work closely with Te Hunga Whiriwhiri

Officers consider that the work load of the Chair of Ara Tahi is significant and vitally important to Greater Wellington from a strategic leadership perspective. Officers therefore propose that a taxable honorarium of \$8000.00 be paid to the Chair of Ara Tahi. This figure would include a contribution towards travel and related expenses.

The taxable honorarium of \$5,000 currently paid annually to the non-councillor Co-Chair of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee, formed the basis for initial comparison and the selection of the recommended remuneration.

This remuneration will be met from existing budgets.

#### **5. Communication**

The Council's decision will be communicated to the Chair of Ara Tahi and reported to the next Ara Tahi meeting.

#### **6. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the payment of a taxable annual honorarium of \$8,000 to the Chair of Ara Tahi, with the entitlement to take effect from the date of appointment – 8 December 2011.*

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