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Ara Tahi Meeting - 11 June 2003

1. Purpose

To report to Council the proceedings of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 11 June 2003.

2. Background and Comment

2.1 Oil Spill Response Plan

Mike Pryce discussed the review of the Tier 2 Marine Oil Spill Response Plan. He noted that consultation with Iwi was an important part of the review process and he requested that the 24-hour contact numbers for at least two members from each Iwi be updated. These people would be contacted in the event of an oil spill to provide advice and be part of the response team.

Ara Tahi members agreed to supply this information after they had discussions with their respective Iwi. They advised Mike Pryce to contact the Iwi delegates on the Ara Tahi Committee if there was an oil spill incident in the meantime. They also stated that the Plan did have implications for Iwi and that they would like to be consulted further about the document.

2.2 Progress Report from Maori Policy Advisor

2.2.1 Okautete Bush Reserve

Jason Kerehi advised that with the fencing completed at Okautete Marae, attention has now moved to the Okautete Bush project. This project is currently in the planning stages and may involve establishing walking tracks through and around the bush reserve and pest plant control. Further details will be forthcoming as the project is scoped.

2.2.2 Ngawi Wetland

Jason Kerehi noted this project is progressing well. Over the next two weeks 150 flax plants will be planted in the wetland.

2.2.3 Hamua Sites of Significance

The protocol between Rangitaane o Wairarapa and Council has now been signed and the database will be available for Council to use in their consent processes from next week.

2.2.4 New Haamua Projects

Rangitaane o Wairarapa have extended their proposal for their second GIS project:

- Sites of investigation will now also include Carterton and South Wairarapa districts.
- Staff will receive further training in the use of GIS software.
- A History of Haamua report will be developed.
- Rangitaane also intend to develop and publish a series of Haamua Environmental Principles education sheets.

2.3 Feedback on Joint Workshop

Nicola Shorten presented her report, which summarised the feedback from the joint workshop on Iwi input into Council decision-making. She advised that council staff are developing an action plan that will pull together the main points that emerged from the workshop and describe how Council will give effect to them. This action plan will be discussed at the next Ara Tahī meeting.

Both Councillors and Iwi members agreed the workshop was of considerable benefit to everyone.

The next step is prioritising Iwi technical workshops. Nicola Shorten advised that council officers will contact Iwi representatives about the next technical workshops.

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