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Regional Policy Statement review - update

1. Purpose

To provide feedback from the iwi workshop on the review of the Regional Policy Statement held on 15 March, and to provide the opportunity for comment on the draft Iwi and Resource Management chapter of the Discussion Document.

2. Background

Greater Wellington is reviewing the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region. The Resource Management Act 1991 requires that a review commence within ten years of a policy statement becoming operative. The Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region became operative in May 1995. Greater Wellington's review commenced with an assessment of progress towards the objectives in the policy statement in *Measuring up 2005*, the state of the environment report for the Wellington region.

Since releasing *Measuring up* in December, Greater Wellington has been carrying out efficiency and effectiveness evaluations for each of the chapters in the Regional Policy Statement. The key messages about how successful the policy statement has been, what's changed since we wrote the RPS, and questions about what the current resource management issues are will be included in a Discussion Document, which will be released in May 2006.

3. Outcomes of the iwi workshop on the Regional Policy Statement review

On 15 March 2006, a workshop was held with Ara Tahī to discuss the review process and iwi involvement. The main purpose of the workshop was to:

- Remind members of Ara Tahī of the process and timeline for the review of the Regional Policy Statement (previously discussed at the Ara Tahī meeting of 26 January).

- Provide information about Greater Wellington staff assessments of the effectiveness of each of the chapters in the current Regional Policy Statement;
- Discuss the need to identify the current resource management issues of significance to iwi, and determine how best to deal with these in the next Regional Policy Statement; and
- Discuss how Ara Tahi would like to be involved in the review process.

Participants at the workshop felt that a series of workshops would be the best way to input into the process at this time, and the following was agreed¹:

- A second workshop will be held with Ara Tahi as soon as possible to identify resource management issues of significance.
- The draft significant resource management issues, if necessary, will be further discussed and clarified with each iwi.
- A third workshop will be held with Ara Tahi where Greater Wellington will report back on how the issues relating to the natural and physical resource chapters are proposed to be addressed. The workshop will also discuss any proposed provisions for managing resource management issues specific to iwi.

Iwi workshops are currently being scheduled - the second workshop on the Regional Policy Statement review will be held in July 2006, and the third in November 2006.

4. Next Steps

Discussion document

A Discussion Document is the first round of consultation with the community on the review of the Regional Policy Statement. The Document will share Greater Wellington's assessment of the how successful the Regional Policy Statement has been in addressing the issues in each of the chapters. It will also look at what's changed since the Regional Policy Statement was written, what the current resource management issues are, and ask a number of questions about how natural and physical resources can best be managed through the 'new' Regional Policy Statement.

As discussed at the workshop, one of the sections of the Discussion Document is about Iwi and Resource Management. A draft of this chapter is attached as Appendix One to this report.

¹ Note that the workshops do not exclude the possibility of meetings with individual iwi at any time.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that that the Committee:

1. **Receive** the report;
2. **Note** the contents; and
3. **Provide** comment on the Iwi and Resource Management chapter of the Discussion Document.

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Attachment 1: Draft Chapter of Discussion Document – “Iwi and Resource Management”