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## **Report - Policy Advisor Maori – Aug**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide Ara Tahi with an update since our last meeting on 14 June 2006.

### **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. Iwi Technical Workshops**

#### **3.1 Review of the Regional Policy Statement**

Greater Wellington would like to extend its gratitude to Rangitāne o Wairarapa runanga for making available its premises and for hosting our workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

The workshop was the second opportunity for Council to engage with iwi in its review process. Bev James was brought in to facilitate this hui with Council staff making notes and introducing each chapter for discussion. Bev and I will conduct interviews with each iwi authority over the next two months to enable more detailed comments. These comments will be collated by Bev into a report back to Greater Wellington and in time for the next Ara Tahi meeting.

A third workshop on the RPS review is planned for October.

### **4. Appointment of Policy Advisor Maori**

The recruitment process for this position is continuing and you will be informed when an appointment is made. The Chairman of Ara Tahi will be invited to meet with any promising applicants before a final decision is made.

## 5. Iwi Funding Expenditure 05/06

A request for information on expenditure of the iwi project budget for the previous financial year was made at the last Ara Tahī meeting. The budget was underspent by \$117,884. This was largely due to a lack of iwi project proposals.

The totals for the budget are provided below:

<b>283/1/3</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
Admin Funding – 7 x \$15K	97,500.00	105,000.00	7,500.00
Iwi Projects	<u>34,616.00</u>	<u>145,000.00</u>	<u>110,384.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>132,116.00</u></b>	<b><u>250,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>117,884.00</u></b>

There were three iwi projects during the 05/06 financial year. They were:

Taranaki Whānui – development of an Iwi Management Plan. This was the final year of funding for this project. The plan has been completed, mandated by Taranaki Whānui and Wellington Tenth's and officially lodged with Wellington Regional Council.

Ngāti Toa – Hongoeka Urupā – this project involved construction of a path to the urupā which overlooks Hongoeka Bay. A final report is pending and a planned visit by our Council is yet to be arranged.

Wellington Tenth's – GIS – this project nears its conclusion with transfer of the data to Greater Wellington confirmed. We are about to sign a protocol that governs how the database is to be used. Greater Wellington will also share some GIS data with the Tenth's to enhance their research and consent response.

## 6. Communication

There are no matters in this report that require further communication.

## 7. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

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

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