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Committee Ara Tahī
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1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahī with an update since our last meeting on 13 July 2005.

2. New Chief Executive

David Benham has been appointed the new Chief Executive of Greater Wellington. He has been with Greater Wellington since 1989. Previously he was the Divisional Manager Utility Services.

3. Key issues for iwi

GW would like to draw the attention of iwi to the Growth Framework of the Wellington Regional Strategy.

3.1 Wellington Regional Strategy

The WRS Growth Framework has now been released and all iwi authorities should have received a copy. This covers the proposed vision, the growth principles, the regional outcomes and the four focus areas of the Wellington Regional Strategy.

Consultation is taking place until the end of September. All iwi authorities are to be consulted over this month. Graham Spargo, the Project Manager will meet face-to-face with iwi authorities.

It is also proposed that a two part Ara Tahī technical workshop covering the Growth Framework and then the Western Corridor is conducted on 30 September. The Growth Framework segment would revisit the key issues raised in consultation and identify the process for iwi involvement from there.

4. Administration Funding Contracts

The administration funding contracts for 2004/05 should now have been paid in full to all our iwi partners. The administration funding contracts till December 2005 have now been signed and returned by most iwi authorities.

5. Workshops for 2005

Our next Ara Tahi workshop will be a two-part workshop on Friday 30 September 2005 on the Wellington Regional Strategy Growth Framework and the Western Corridor. The two topics will be separated by a morning tea. Consequently the workshop will begin at 9.30am.

Thank you for your enthusiastic and thoughtful involvement in the recent Maori constituencies workshop.

6. Iwi Projects

6.1 Ngāti Toa Rangatira

Ngāti Toa Rangatira is near completion of their iwi project with planting taking place in August and September.

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that Ara Tahi:

- 1. receive the report; and*
- 2. note the contents.*

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