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## Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Progress report on non-structural measures

### 1. Purpose

To update the Committee on progress made towards implementing the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) Non-Structural Measures.

### 2. Background

At the last Hutt River Advisory Committee we reported on the proposed changes to the Hutt City District Plan (outlined in report 04.540). At that meeting the Committee received 11 written submissions from Belmont residents. Three people spoke to the Committee during the public participation part of the meeting.

At this meeting the Committee resolved to recommend to Wellington Regional Council as follows:

*(3) That Hutt City Council should be asked to proceed with the proposed District Plan Change as specified subject to the changes proposed in this report.*

Since this meeting, replies have been sent to all submitters, and a general letter was sent to the community.

### 3. Progress on measures

#### 3.1 District Plan provisions

Upper Hutt City Council

UHCC have indicated a strong commitment to undertake a plan change that incorporates the draft flood hazard provisions, as they now have an operative

District Plan. We expect to meet UHCC officers on 11 February 2005 to discuss a preliminary programme for the proposed plan change.

#### Hutt City Council

HCC have prepared a report supporting the proposed District Plan Change. This report is due to go to their Strategy and Policy Committee on 23 February 2005. Formal notification of the proposed plan change will follow this committee meeting.

#### **Greater Wellington's ongoing role**

Major tasks for Greater Wellington include:

- Completing minor additional structural works requested by Belmont community. Report 05.56 of this Order Paper provides further details on the status of implementing these additional works.
- Supporting the HCC plan change including the provision of additional information and providing comment and technical support where required.
- Meeting with UHCC to confirm the timeframe for notification of a proposed plan change. UHCC are likely to require information and advice from GW on consultation with affected residents and plan drafting.

In addition, GWRC will support the statutory process for the proposed plan changes. Officers from Flood Protection will provide advice and attend meetings and hearings as necessary. Officers from the Environment Division will co-ordinate any Council submission on the plan change.

### **3.2 Emergency management programmes and procedures**

Work on the five emergency management enhancement projects is proceeding. **Attachment 1** contains a summary of progress up to the end of January 2005.

## **4. Hathaway Avenue**

At the September 2004 meeting, the Advisory Committee endorsed the proposal to consult Hathaway Avenue residents on options for managing the flood risk until the proposed stopbank is constructed.

More than 12 properties in Hathaway Avenue were flooded during the January 2005 flood event. Flood waters entered 10 houses and 10 cars were also damaged.

A meeting will be arranged in early March 2005 to meet with Hathaway Avenue residents potentially affected by flooding from the Hutt River. At this meeting, we expect to discuss options such as district plan changes, LIM processes and improved flood warning processes.

## 5. Communication

Future communications will mainly happen through any proposed District Plan change process and flooding hazard fact sheets. Next stage of this process will be for GWRC and HCC to reply submissions received from the public.

## 6. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. *receive the report.*
2. *note the contents of the report.*
3. *request that Upper Hutt City Council commence the process for implementing the proposed Upper Hutt City District Plan changes*

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**Attachment 1: Progress Report on Emergency Management Projects**