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Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee – 4 April 2006

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the key outcomes of the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee (WSAC) meetings on 21 November 2005 and 4 April 2006.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters 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. Background

The reports from the WSAC meeting held on 21 November 2005 and 4 April 2006 are attached. The 21 November meeting report is included because it was missed from the Committee's March meeting agenda (it was however circulated in the Councillor's Bulletin in February).

At the 4 April meeting, scoping reports outlining flood protection options and concepts for the Awamutu and lower Waiwhetu streams were presented to the Committee. The Committee noted the scoping reports and asked that the options and concepts contained within be taken to the option design stage. The final preliminary flood protection option designs are due to be presented at the August WSAC meeting.

A substantial update was provided on the options for the remediation of contaminated sediments in the lower Waiwhetu. After lengthy discussion, the Committee preferred D - Instream Remediation as the option for the preliminary design of the flood protection works on the lower Waiwhetu. Further refinement of Option D, including investigating ways to reduce cost is underway. Further consultation will also be needed around what an acceptable containment level for the contaminated sediments might be.

The next round of consultation meetings with residents groups from the Awamutu and Waiwhetu streams, representatives of local industry and the

Waiwhetu Stream Working Group are due to be held in May. These meetings will seek feedback from the groups on the flood protection scoping reports and also containment options for the contaminated sediments.

The WSAC Chair welcomed Mr Teri Puketapu to the advisory committee as the nominated representative of Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika.

4. Recommendations

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- 1. **Receive** the report.
- 2. Notes the contents of the reports of the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee meetings held on 21 November 2005 and 4 April 2006.

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- Attachment 1: Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee Report -Monday 21 November 2005
- Attachment 2: Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee Report -Tuesday 4 April 2006