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Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Project Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To advise the Advisory Subcommittee on progress made with implementing the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP).

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. Ava to Ewen project

The Ava to Ewen project started in September 2004 with the river realignment. The project is now substantially complete, on time and under budget. The project extends from the Ewen Bridge to the Ava Rail Bridge. Works involved realigning the river, reconstruction of the Alicetown and Strand Park stopbanks, improving the waterway capacity of the Ava Rail Bridge, constructing the Opahu Stream pump station and associated environmental enhancement works.

The last stage of the project, the Strand Park stopbank reconstruction, involved placing and compacting about 50,000 cubic metres of fill material, constructing 100 metres of flood wall, upsizing two storm water pipes, providing access for a future car park and providing new lighting for the stopbank walkway. The remaining works include:

- Reinstating the contractor's compound and berm areas in September 2009. The berm areas will be kept fenced until grass is well established.
- Upgrading the lighting on the Alicetown stopbank to the Ava Rail Bridge

We expect to complete all remaining works in the project area by October 2009. A completion ceremony can then be planned for November 2009.

4. Whirinaki Crescent stopbank

The resource consents required for the removal of two trees to complete the stopbank was granted on 4 May 2009. Staff are currently preparing a landscape plan for UHCC approval before removing the two trees. The earthworks are expected to be completed during September to November 2009.

5. Boulcott/Hutt project

Staff are now progressing with the detailed design and statutory approvals phase of the Boulcott/Hutt project. Report No. 09.407 in this order paper provides an update on the project and Report 09.406 provides details on the options investigated for improving the river channel.

6. Maoribank riverbed stabilisation

The works programme recommended by the HRAS to reduce the erosion risk from Hutt River bed lowering at Maoribank was approved by Council. Urgent works will be completed in 2009/10. Further permanent works are planned for the period 2013 to 2015.

7. District plan changes

UHCC officers have now commenced the process for the proposed plan change 15 to update the Hutt River flood hazard information in the UHCC District Plan. Prior to the formal notification of the plan change, UHCC officers will advise the affected landowners by letter to obtain their informal feed back on the proposed changes. A public meeting will be held if considered necessary. GW staff will assist UHCC in providing technical information on the Hutt River flood hazards and consultation with the affected land owners.

8. Hutt CBD 2030 project and draft plan change

Hutt City Council has now finalised the Vision 2030 document. This will now be followed by District Plan changes required to implement the Vision. The vision document recognises the importance of the Hutt River and the outcomes include establishing an ecological and cultural corridor in the Hutt River Corridor and developing a river promenade.

GW officers will work with HCC officers to ensure that maintaining the integrity of flood defences and future upgrade requirements are allowed for when developing specific proposals.

9. Waimarie Croquet Club

The land currently occupied by the Waimarie Croquet Club sits within the primary corridor of the Hutt River north of Melling Bridge. The land is owned by GW. The Club holds the land under two separate leases due to expire by March 2019. The land is now required for the construction of the City Centre stopbank extending from Mills Street to the Ewen Bridge. The Club buildings and fences located in the river corridor increase flood levels upstream and need to be relocated.

GW and HCC officers have been working with the Club to explore alternative sites for relocating the Club with associated facilities. Six sites, including the existing location and three other sites in the river corridor, were investigated. The river corridor sites were found to be unsuitable due to a number of reasons including flood hazard, lack of parking, and consenting issues.

The Club is now considering two sites proposed by HCC officers in the recreational areas of Walter Nash Park and Walter Mildenhall Park. The Club will put these options to the full membership to be considered through a number of special general meetings. A decision could be expected in February 2010. The club will seek financial assistance from GW and HCC to relocate to new premises.

10. Mills Street

A meeting has been arranged with the Mills Street residents to discuss the options being considered for the new stopbank in this area and the need to widen the river corridor. Attachment 1 contains a copy of the letter.

11. Budget and 2009/10 works programme

The following table provides a summary of the approved budgets and the end of the year targets for 2009/10.

Project	Approved Budget 2009/10	Target
Ava to Ewen project	306,000	Complete tidging up works, contract maintenance and complete the project
Boulcott/Hutt project	900,000	Obtain planning approvals, complete the detailed design and commence construction
Ebdentown river edge protection works	735,000	Complete funding agreements with NZTA, complete the detailed design, obtain consents and commence construction
Maoribank riverbed stabilisation		Complete urgent works costing about \$160,000. No specific budget allocation. However these works will be incorporated within the existing Hutt River budgets

12. Communication

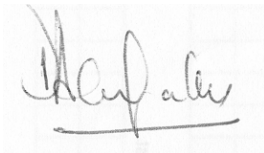
Communication initiatives, including press releases, newsletters and meetings with residents, are in place for all the HRFMP components. Meetings with key stakeholders of the Boulcott/Hutt project will continue until the planning approvals are obtained. A newsletter will be distributed when the draft designation application is ready for consultation.

13. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

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

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Attachment 1: Copy of letter to Mills Street residents