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Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee - meeting update

1. Purpose

To provide a summary of the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 April 2010.

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. Background

The Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee (WHCAC) met on 6 April 2010 to consider matters relating to the Animal Health Board programmes for 2009/10 (update) and 2010/11, an update on the National Pest Management Strategy review, Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative (WRECI) implementation progress, Poplar and Willow Research and Homebush Nursery update.

Minutes from the meeting are attached.

4. Comment

Key outcomes from the 6 April meeting were:

- Alan Innes and Terry Hynes from AHB gave an update on the present 2009/10 programme and presented the new programme for 2010/11. Their presentation included an update on the National Bovine Tb Strategy and suggested that its likely implementation date would now be July 2011.

The main points from the update are included in Attachment 1 (WHCAC Committee minutes).

- Members were updated on the new funding model and governance structure for national poplar and willow research. This paper has previously been presented to the Catchment Management Committee. Members were very enthusiastic and were pleased to see momentum building in this key area of Greater Wellington's work.

- David Cameron presented updates on the implementation of WRECI and ongoing discussions with Masterton District Council over the development of a new nursery at Homebush. Masterton District Council are meeting on 14 April to make final deliberations around the method of wastewater disposal to land. While the nursery options are still very much on the table the location and size of available nursery land is very much dependent on the choice of method to apply treated wastewater to land.
- The next WHCAC meeting on 3rd May will include a presentation from one of the key policy writers of Horizon's One Plan.

5. Communication

Communication issues noted were;

- Peter Gawith and Dave Cameron to take the final version of 'stock access in waterways guidelines' to the newly formed Hinakura landowners group.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1 – WHCAC Minutes 6 April 2010