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Report on the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee meeting 24 February 2015

1. Purpose

To inform the Strategy and Policy Committee of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 24 February 2015.

2. Reports

2.1 Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan: Appointment of Consultant to Complete Flood Hazard Mapping Audit

At the 20 November 2014 meeting the Subcommittee agreed to a request from the community to carry out an independent audit of the flood modelling and mapping. The Subcommittee approved the terms of reference of the audit subject to the inclusion of a clear differentiation between flooding and free board on the flood hazard maps. Information from the Save Our Hills community group's case studies will also be provided to the auditor.

BECA has been selected as the auditor and have proposed a team of two experts with a combined total of 56 years' experience across water resources, storm-water and hydrological specialties, with a particular focus on carrying out review type work.

2.2 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project Integrated Concept Design – Update

The Subcommittee discussed the option development and evaluation process of the city centre integrated concept designs and noted nine options will be developed and discussed at a Subcommittee workshop, with the intention to narrow the options down to three. The three preferred options along with the rationale for choosing the particular options will then be presented to the 25 June meeting of the Subcommittee for approval to go out for public consultation. The Subcommittee noted that work on the designs is proceeding according to the projected timeline.

The Subcommittee received an update on the Melling Gateway project. Following the strategic assessment, the Management Group (made up of representatives from Greater Wellington Regional Council, Hutt City Council and NZTA) agreed to progress to the next stage of the NZTA business case process and will prepare a Programme Business Case.

2.3 Hutt Valley Flood Management Project Manager's Report – February 2015

The Subcommittee received an update on various the flood protection projects currently being undertaken in the Hutt Valley. A group of US students are currently doing a survey to investigate 'Flood and Climate Change Perception in the Hutt Valley'. It is expected that this survey will help to raise the awareness of the Hutt Valley community on the risk of flooding.

3. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

4. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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