

Report 15.500
Date 24 September 2015
File CCAB-10-65

Committee Environment Committee
Author Graeme Campbell, Manager, Flood Protection

Report on the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee meeting of 24 September 2015

1. Purpose

To inform the Environment Committee of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 24 September 2015.

2. Reports

2.1 Community Feedback and establishment of the Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project Hearing Panel

The Subcommittee received a presentation on community feedback received as part of the Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project consultation.

The Subcommittee were informed that 273 written submissions had been received throughout the consultation period. 76% of respondents have indicated that they preferred Option A- the one step process. 16% of respondents have indicated that they preferred option B- the two step process. 8% of respondents have indicated that they preferred neither option. The Subcommittee noted that typical reasons given for supporting option A were that this option was less expensive, it provided certainty for the future and that it deals with climate change issues immediately.

The Subcommittee discussed feedback on other parts of the project. Feedback indicated that there is public support for parking areas within the river corridor, and the construction of Daly Street Promenade and a pedestrian cycle bridge.

The Subcommittee resolved to establish the Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project Hearing panel which would hear oral submissions on 15 October 2015. The Subcommittee discussed the membership of the Panel and agreed that the membership should include the eleven members of the Subcommittee available for the hearing.

The Subcommittee noted that the number of submitters who would present orally at the hearing was unknown; however letters had been sent to all members of the public who had submitted in writing, or whose property was potentially required for the work, inviting them to attend the hearing.

2.2 Project Manager's Report

The Subcommittee was updated on the consultation on the Pinehaven draft Flood Management Plan. Two community open days have been held during the consultation period. Some minor changes have been made to the plan which includes changes to the way maps are presented and the addition of smaller flood event maps. The Subcommittee noted that the community open days had been successful in that they had clarified a number of important issues for members of the public. A Hearing Panel to hear oral submissions on the draft plan is likely to be established at a future meeting and the hearing would take place in early 2016.

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.*

Report prepared by:

Graeme Campbell
Manager, Flood Protection

Report approved by:

Cr Sandra Greig
Chair, Hutt Valley Flood
Management Subcommittee