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Report on the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee meeting of 26 November 2015

1. Purpose

To inform the Environment Committee of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 26 November 2015.

2. Public Participation

Geoff Workman, Darryl Longstaffe and Stephen Pattinson (on behalf of the 'Save our Hills' group) spoke to item six on the agenda- Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan.

Geoff Workman and Darryl Longstaffe spoke regarding their concerns that five minutes would be an inadequate time period for 'Save our Hills' to present on behalf of all individuals who completed the template forms but did not submit independently.

Stephen Pattinson spoke regarding his concerns that Greater Wellington Regional Council did not adequately inform previous submitters and the general public that a second round of consultation on the proposed Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan was being undertaken in September-October 2015. He did not consider that there was any need for a hearing.

3. Reports

3.1 Report on the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan

The Subcommittee was updated on submissions received on the proposed Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan. In the first round of consultation, 36 separate submissions were received and 10 submitters expressed their wish to be heard. In 2015, four submissions were received and one submitter wished to be heard. A submission was received from the 'Save our Hills' group containing 363 template forms completed by members of the community.

The Subcommittee resolved to establish a Hearing Panel to consider written and oral submissions on the proposed Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan. The Subcommittee specifically addressed concerns raised by the public participants and agreed to remove the provision in the terms of reference stating that submitters would have a maximum of five minutes to speak. This would allow groups such as 'Save our Hills' more time to present and their time limit would be determined by the Hearing Panel, with submitters advised accordingly.

3.2 Report of the Hutt City Centre Upgrade Project Hearing Panel

The Subcommittee was informed of the Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project Hearing Panel which took place on 15 October 2015. The Subcommittee recommended that Council proceed with preliminary design, costing and implementation timelines for Option A. Officers were thanked for their contributions to the project.

3.3 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project- Next Steps

The Subcommittee was advised of the next steps of the planning and design phase of the Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project, which is subject to Council approval on 9 December 2015.

A scoping report and project plan will be prepared for completing the preliminary design, costing and implementation timeframes and these will be considered at the March 2016 Subcommittee meeting. A communication and consultation strategy, setting out the objectives for consultation with landowners, key stakeholders and the wider community will also be developed for consideration.

The Programme Business Case for the Melling Gateway Project is now complete, and it is proposed that an Indicative Business Case be commenced in early 2016.

The Subcommittee noted that the impact that implementing Option A would have on HCC and GWRC's rating base, has been taken into account in the project cost estimations. Furthermore, while the total project cost of Option A has been estimated at \$143M, the apportionment of costs between Hutt City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency will be determined further on in the process.

3.4 Hutt River Environment Strategy Review

The Subcommittee was informed of the Hutt River Environment Strategy review which is being undertaken. The review is necessary because demand for the use of the Hutt River corridor has both altered and accelerated. The Subcommittee noted that the review would have to take account of the Whaitua Implementation Programme that will be produced for the Wellington/ Hutt Valley area.

3.5 Hutt and Wainuiomata Rivers Asset Management Report 2014/15

The Subcommittee was advised of the overall condition of the flood protection infrastructural assets on the Hutt, Waiwhetu and Wainuiomata Rivers. The Subcommittee confirmed that the assets have been maintained to their satisfaction.

3.6 Hutt Valley Flood Management Project Manager's Report

The Subcommittee was updated on progress made with various Hutt Valley flood management projects. The Subcommittee noted that Safeway Storage Limited's claims against GWRC, both in the District Court and the land valuation tribunal, are yet to be resolved. Two areas below Kennedy Good Bridge on the Hutt River have been affected by bank erosion. These areas are being managed by temporary works until the design for the whole reach is completed.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

4.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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