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## **Establishment of the Waiohine River Draft FMP Hearing Subcommittee and approval of Terms of Reference**

### **1. Purpose**

To establish a Waiohine River Draft FMP Hearing Subcommittee (Hearing Subcommittee) to consider written and oral submissions on the Draft Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan (FMP), and to confirm the Terms of Reference for the Hearing Subcommittee. The Hearing Subcommittee will provide recommendations to the Environment Committee on the final form of the FMP.

### **2. Background**

Consultation on the Draft FMP is currently underway with the wider Greytown community, including those affected by what is being proposed on the Carterton side of the river. As part of this consultation process, written submissions can be made and it is proposed that they will be considered by the Hearing Subcommittee. The submission period will close after a six week consultation process (15 July 2016). It is envisaged that the Hearing Subcommittee will convene at the end of July or at the beginning of August 2016 to consider the written submissions and to hear from submitters speaking to their written submissions.

The Waiohine River Floodplain Management Planning Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee) has recommended that a Hearing Subcommittee be established.

### **3. Hearing Subcommittee**

The Hearing Subcommittee will consider and hear submissions, seek clarification from officers, and report its recommendations back to the Environment Committee.. Hearing

The Advisory Committee has recommended the appointment of the people named below as members of the Hearing Subcommittee. Those named

represent, in the opinion of the officers, a suitable mix of current Advisory Committee members:

- Cr Barbara Donaldson (GWRC), (Chair)
- Cr Viv Napier (SWDC),
- Cr Mike Ashby (CDC),
- Shane Atkinson (Advisory Committee)

#### **4. Terms of reference**

The draft Terms of Reference for the Hearing Subcommittee are attached (**Attachment 1**).

The draft Terms of Reference do not provide for submitters to speak to their submission via remote participation.

#### **5. The decision-making process and significance**

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

##### **5.1 Significance of the decision**

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines. Due to the procedural nature of this decision officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

##### **5.2 Engagement**

Due to its procedural nature and low significance, no engagement on this matter has been undertaken.

#### **6. Communication**

Members will be advised of their appointment to the Hearing Subcommittee.

#### **7. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Establishes the Waiohine River Draft FMP Hearing Subcommittee.*
4. *Appoints Cr Barbara Donaldson (as Chair), Cr Viv Napier (SWDC), Cr Mike Ashby (CDC), and Shane Atkinson (Advisory Committee) to the Waiohine River Draft FMP Hearing Subcommittee.*

5. *Approves the Terms of Reference for the Waiohine River Draft FMP Hearing Subcommittee as set out in Attachment 1 of this report.*

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**Attachment One** – Draft Terms of Reference for Waiohine Draft Floodplain Management Plan Hearing Subcommittee.