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Committee Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Subcommittee
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Forward Work Programme report

1. Purpose

To update the Subcommittee regarding the forward work programme for the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan.

2. Meeting Programme Update

| Date | Time | Purpose |
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| Monday 20 June | 3pm – 4pm | Meet with the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee |
| Tuesday 26 July | 10am | Interim workshop to discuss progress and to workshop key issues |
| Monday 15 August | 10am | Update on early draft FMP document development & consultation carried out |
| Tuesday 13 September | 10am | Early Draft FMP presented for review by Subcommittee & present consultation feedback |
| December | TBC | Workshop |
| February | TBC | Meeting to confirm draft FMP |

All meetings will be held in the Choice Room, at GWRC Masterton Office, unless otherwise stated.

Please note that due to Council elections in October, meeting dates post September 2016 will be confirmed at a later date.

3. Next Steps

3.1 Preferred Rural Option Development (FMP Framework)

It is proposed that over the next three months the following activities shall be carried out:

- Update the Options for flood risk management (Options Combinations Report) based on the outcomes of the recent Subcommittee workshops and June meeting;
- Update reaches plans to reflect outcomes of Subcommittee workshops and analysis carried out to date, for incorporation into the draft Flood Management Plan (FMP);
- Detail the common tools and site specific responses sufficiently to incorporate into a draft FMP;
- Prepare a first working draft of the full FMP document;
- In parallel to preparing the early draft FMP, a series of focussed engagement events will be held to discuss some of the key aspects being proposed with particular interest groups, stakeholders and partners;
- Workshop the early draft FMP with officers;
- Workshop the early draft FMP document with the Subcommittee, using the Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA) tool. Modification of the MCA tool may be required to facilitate this:
- Consult directly with Masterton District Council (MDC), Carterton District Council, iwi and key stakeholders to provide feedback on the early draft document to allow feedback to be presented to the Subcommittee;
- Allow Subcommittee members sufficient time to review and comment on the contents of the early draft FMP.

These steps shall be discussed at the Subcommittee meeting and will be subject to change based on the outcomes of the discussion.

3.2 Urban Masterton Option

Development of options for this reach is on hold until the outcomes of the Waipoua hydrology review are complete and agreement between GWRC and MDC is reached.

This does not affect continued development of the rural components of the FMP.

3.3 Governance and Funding

The issue of governance and funding is inextricably linked to the development of the Floodplain Management Plan. A discussion document has now been developed that sets out proposals and options to change the governance model and funding model. It is attached to the Project Managers Report, 16.270.

It is proposed that continued development of the governance and funding models take place over the next nine months, with a target of the next year's Scheme meetings (May 2017) to report back with finalised details of the proposals. To facilitate delivery of this, further engagement and consultation will be required to ensure that Scheme members have had the opportunity to discuss and provide feedback into the proposal.

4. Draft FMP development

Based on the direction of the Subcommittee GWRC officers will prepare a comprehensive first draft FMP document for discussion. It is proposed to workshop the document with officers and Subcommittee members prior to presenting to the Subcommittee meeting in September 2016 for their comment and review. Based on the feedback received on the first draft the document will be updated.

5. Consultation

Engagement and consultation with the community will be important over the next six months;

- Possible communication and awareness raising around revised Masterton flood maps (expected to change on completion of hydrology review and re-modelling in Masterton urban area);
- Consultation on aspects of the preferred options with specific stakeholders/sections of the community;
- Consultation on the draft FMP with key partners/stakeholders for feedback to the Subcommittee.

6. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

6.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

7. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

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

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