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Hutt Valley Projects Report

1. Purpose

To update the Subcommittee on progress made with general Hutt Valley Flood Management (HVFM) projects.

2. Background

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) has ongoing projects within the Hutt Valley and its wider catchment. Major projects are further detailed in separate reports. This report tracks and reports on progress of all projects and provides references to major project reports.

3. Hutt City Centre Upgrade Project

Items relating to the Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project are included in separate reports in the order paper.

4. Boulcott Finishing Works

A proposal is being obtained from a LINZ accredited supplier to undertake the legalisation actions required to affect the various land transfers and create new titles. Once new titles are issued, the various easements and encumbrances instruments will be registered against those new titles.

On the 28 June 2016 Downer Ltd was appointed as the contractor to undertake the landscaping for the Connolly Street/Safeway and Transpower property access intersection. Spraying of the site commenced in the week starting 4 July and it is estimated that the planting works will be complete by 31 July 2016.

A Land Valuation Tribunal hearing on a Safeway Self Storage Ltd claim was scheduled for March 2016. This was postponed due to unavailability of the panel members. Officers are awaiting a notification of a new hearing date.

5. Belmont Finishing Works

Construction of rockline and rock groyne work has been completed. HCC contractors will complete the realignment of the new sealed river trail by the end of June 2016. Planting originally planned for this site has been postponed. The site will be used as a location to discuss and guide the design requirements for the City Centre Project, and will be planted until the discussion with the various interest groups is completed.

6. Ebdentown Finishing Works

The planting approach to be used at the Ebdentown site is to establish willow plantings at the site and allow several seasons of growth before introducing native plants in pockets within the Willows.

7. Hutt River Environmental Strategy Update

Community consultation on the Hutt River Environmental Strategy (HRES) Review began on 22 June 2016.

A series of four workshops were carried out with attendance from council officers, utilities operators and community interest groups to seek feedback about what they enjoy about the Hutt River Corridor now and where they see opportunities to improve into the future. Meetings with school aged pupils in the upper and lower valley are in preparation.

A media release has directed the wider community to fill out a feedback form through the *Have your Say* website and community discussion/comment is being recorded through *Neighbourly*.

The HRES Review has been introduced to iwi, with a site visit to occur during late July/early August 2016.

All feedback received on this project will be collated together to inform the review of the HRES documentation from August 2016. A draft Strategy is programmed to be ready for further community consultation in early 2017.

The messages coming through the feedback are diverse, however they primarily focus on water quality, facilities, native restoration and discouraging anti-social behaviour. Innovative ideas for the future of the area have also been raised for consideration.

A presentation by Rob Greenaway on the Hutt River User Intercept Survey is being organised for August 2016. This allows an opportunity for all three councils to hear more about the findings of the Survey and explore the range of analysis that can be carried out using the raw data collected.

8. HCC Community Event: Shifting Paradigms

On 25 July 2016 HCC hosted a public lecture about Fresh Water Management focusing on the Hutt River. HCC officers will provide a verbal update about this lecture. GWRC promoted participation in the Hutt River Environmental Strategy Review at this event.

9. Communication

Officers presented to HCC's Eastern Community Committee and Western Community Committee about the Hutt River City Centre Project and were available to answer questions about the Hutt River Environmental Strategy Review at these meetings.

10. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

10.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

11. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee;

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

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