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Report on the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee meeting of 4 August 2016

1. Purpose

To inform the Environment Committee of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 4 August 2016.

2. Reports

2.1 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Project Manager’s Report

The Subcommittee was informed that officers aim to seek Subcommittee recommendations in late-2017 to proceed to the next phase of the Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project (HRCCUP). The next phase will involve preparations of applications for RMA approvals to carry out the work.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$143 million. A total of \$3.6 million has been spent to date primarily on property acquisition.

Key risks to the project include coordination of work programmes and commitment to funding by HCC and NZTA in the delivery of the Making Places and Melling Gateway parts of the vision.

Consultants have been appointed to carry out preliminary design tasks. The technical group lead is Boffa Miskell.

Officers have conducted focus group meetings, attended community committee meetings and produced a newsletter for Hutt Valley residents. A draft Mana Whenua Engagement Strategy has been developed.

The first phase of the HRCCUP was entered into the Local Government Excellence Awards and was shortlisted as a finalist. The Fulton Hogan Excellence Award for Community Engagement went to Hamilton City Council. Councillor Lamason commended the project team as ‘winners in our eyes’.

2.2 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Flood Protection Update

The Subcommittee heard that GWRC is leading the design for flood protection works and this overlaps with Hutt City Council's (HCC) Making Places infrastructure improvements. HCC and NZTA are leading the discussion regarding urban design, infrastructure, and transport.

A key focus item for the flood protection works is the capacity of Melling Bridge. GWRC is seeking confirmation of the bridge replacement from HCC and NZTA as a priority.

2.3 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Making Places Update

The Subcommittee was informed that HCC is considering a variety of mechanisms to assist with desired quality and timing outcomes for property development along the future promenade.

3D models have been developed using 3D printing.

A cost benefit analysis is due to be completed in September 2016.

2.4 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Melling Intersection Improvements

The Subcommittee was informed that NZTA has begun an indicative business case (IBC) that will identify the scope of future improvements and assist in a greater level of certainty for the design of the flood protection works. NZTA expects recommendations from the IBC in early 2017.

2.5 Hutt Valley Projects Report

The Subcommittee heard that 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 around the Boulcott finishing works. Once new titles are issued, the various easements and encumbrances instruments will be registered against those new titles.

Community engagement for the Hutt River Environmental Strategy has begun with four workshops, presentations to Eastern and Western Community Committees, a public lecture on water management, and a media release. Iwi engagement with the review is being developed as part of the Mana Whenua Engagement strategy mentioned in the HRCCUP reports.

Feedback has focussed on water quality, facilities, native restoration and discouraging anti-social behaviour.

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.*

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