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Committee Catchment Management Committee
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Report on Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee meetings held on 10 November 2009, 3 February and 15 February 2010

1. Purpose

To inform the Catchment Management Committee about Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee meetings held on 10 November 2009, 3 February and 15 February 2010.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

The minutes from the meeting held on 10 November are attached to this report as Attachment 1.

Three papers were presented including:

- Waiwhetu Construction Update
- Next Stages of the Floodplain Management Plan
- Project Managers Report

Following the meeting, a site visit was held for the members of the Subcommittee.

The unconfirmed minutes from the additional meeting held on 3 February are attached to this report as Attachment 2.

Two papers were presented including an update on the removal of contaminated material from Waiu Street and an update on the Waiwhetu Contract 1268 Costs.

Following the WSAS meeting, Council, on 4 February confirmed an additional capital expenditure of \$871,000 to complete the flood improvement works for the lower reaches of the Waiwhetu stream. This was subject to receiving a recommendation from the WSAS requesting the additional budget and to Hutt City Council approving the necessary increases to fund the clean up portion of the project (minute extract of Report 10.15).

An extraordinary meeting of WSAS was held on 15 February. At the meeting Council further increased the budget for the works to \$1.0M. This funding comprised the \$871,000 for the flood improvement works and an additional \$130,000 ex-gratia contribution to the remediation works.

Consultants CPG confirmed that they would reduce their total fee for the project by \$100,000.

In addition to the above contributions, Hutt City confirmed its intention to increase funding for the remediation works by \$1.2M. It was noted that this still left a shortfall of approximately \$300,000 and that officers were to consider ways of bridging this gap by reducing construction costs and seeking additional funding from the Ministry for the Environment.

The draft minutes for the extraordinary meeting are attached to this report as Attachment 3.

4. Comment

Funding of the clean up part of the project remains a critical issue. Discussions are continuing between GW and HCC.

A walkover of the site for the public is proposed for 16 March at 6:00pm and a walkover for WSAS and all Councillors is proposed for 17 March at 2pm.

Space will be purchased in the Hutt News to advertise the public walkover and inform people about progress on the project.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Notes the increasing of the budget for the flood improvement works by \$871,000.***
4. ***Recommends to Council an increased ex-gratia contribution to the remediation works of \$130,000.***
5. ***Notes that savings resulting from the reduced consultants fees be attributed to the remediation portion of the project.***

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Campbell', written in a cursive style.

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed WSAS meeting minutes 3 February 2010

Attachment 2: WSAS meeting minutes 10 November 2009

Attachment 3: Draft WSAS meeting minutes 15 February 2010