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Report on Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee meeting 7 September 2015

1. Purpose

To inform the Environment Committee of Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 7 September 2015.

2. Reports

2.1 Masterton Options Development Update

The Subcommittee was updated on the progress of options development for the reach of the Waipoua River through Masterton. The Subcommittee noted that a range of options had been developed and that the advantages and disadvantages of each will need to be discussed with Masterton District Council (MDC) and the community during the consultation period. Four Options-Option A, B1, B2 and C were presented to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee also noted an example of Multi-Criteria Analysis criteria which the Subcommittee will develop and use to analyse the options.

The Subcommittee acknowledged that there were some different viewpoints on whether Queen Elizabeth Park should be protected. It was accepted that there were a number of key assets in the park. However the Subcommittee noted that the original purpose of the increased protection was to protect residential homes and businesses. It was also emphasised that the Subcommittee was still at the options development stage and that an option would not be imposed on the community if it was established during consultation that it was against their wishes.

The Subcommittee also acknowledged that there are still some differences between the MDC and GWRC on hydrological modelling. A process to resolve these issues is being followed. It was highlighted that work was able to

progress on the options for the other reaches in the scheme area while these differences were being worked through.

2.2 Te Kauru Upper Ruamahnga Floodplain Management Plan-Community Engagement Forward Work Programme

The Subcommittee discussed the community engagement forward work programme for community engagement between September 2015 and December 2015. A Community Drop-in information booth will be set up at the Choice Room at the Masterton GWRC offices. A World Café forum, a community workshop will be held on October 10. The Subcommittee also noted that a stall will be set up at the Wairarapa A+P Show and a Masterton open day has been proposed.

2.3 Project Manager's Report- September 2015

The Subcommittee was updated on the scheme chairs meeting held on 4 September 2015.

Michael Bassett- Foss gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Tividale and Black Creek site options for the Wairarapa Water Use Project. The subcommittee was informed of the implications and possible water use options for both sites.

3. Communication

No external communication is required.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

4.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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