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## **Report on the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee meeting of 14 June 2016**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Environment Committee of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 14 June 2016.

### **2. Reports**

#### **2.1 Report of the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan Hearing Panel**

The Subcommittee received the report of the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan Hearing Panel and endorsed the panel's recommendations.

#### **2.2 Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan**

The Subcommittee received an update on the development on additional maps to improve community understanding of the Pinehaven Stream flood hazard information. The maps had been requested by the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan Hearing Panel following its consideration of submissions on the proposed plan.

Ten additional maps have been created to aid community understanding of how the overall Pinehaven Stream flood map was built up and the impact of allowances for climate change, blockages and other uncertainties. The Subcommittee endorsed the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan, including the additional maps, for consideration by the Environment Committee and adoption by Council.

#### **2.3 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Project Manager's report**

The Subcommittee was informed that the work-streams for the preliminary design phases are proceeding to programme. A workshop has been held to begin developing a risk register as the first stage of the risk management plan for the project. Communications with affected parties are ongoing.

#### **2.4 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Flood protection works update**

The Subcommittee heard that the areas considered as a priority in the preliminary design of the flood protection works are the constraints at Daly Street, Pharazyn/Marsden Streets at Melling, and the bridges (Kennedy Good, Ewen and Melling Road).

Of the 117 properties or part properties required to be purchased for the City Centre Upgrade Project, one has been purchased, one is awaiting settlement, two are in valuation and three are in negotiation. Jigsaw Property Consultancy Ltd is developing property management options for the 117 properties once they have been purchased. Proposed changes to the Public Works Act are expected to increase compensation entitlements by approximately \$2 million.

#### **2.5 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Making Places update**

The Subcommittee was informed that Hutt City Council currently has \$11 million of funding allocated in the Long Term Plan for Making Places. HCC has advised that partial road stopping and consenting on Daly Street is conceivable for stop banks and the promenade. Additional mechanisms are being considered to assist future property development along the promenade.

#### **2.6 Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project – Melling Interchange report**

Selwyn Blackmore, Central Region Transport Planning Manager, NZTA, spoke to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee heard that NZTA will be able to provide more information as the business case progresses. The indicative business case process is expected to commence in July 2016 and will likely take about 12 months. Further planning, design and consenting could take up to two to three years from completion of the business case.

#### **2.7 Hutt River Environment Strategy Review**

The Subcommittee was informed that the first stage of the Hutt River Environment Strategy (HRES) Review was a user survey conducted between March and April 2016. Key findings from the survey were that water quality improvement is the top priority of users of the corridor and that the majority of respondents thought that the corridor was the same or better than when they first visited.

The second phase of the review will involve consultation with the wider community that will inform the draft revision and updates to the HRES 2001. The project aims to be completed by April 2017.

#### **2.8 Hutt Valley Floodplain Management Projects Report**

The Subcommittee was informed that there is little that can be done in the short term regarding flooding in the Korokoro Stream catchment. GWRC has worked with NZTA and HCC on options to mitigate the flood effects. Three actions: ensuring the mouth and bridges are clear of gravel; an early warning system for affected parties; and ongoing communication will be put in place until a long term solution can be implemented through NZTA's Petone to

Grenada Link Road Project. This is scheduled for completion between 2020 and 2025.

Officers have appointed a planting contractor for the Connolly Street/Safeway and Transpower property access intersection for the Boulcott stop bank project.

GWRC officers are assisting Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) with the proposed draft of the Manararoa Flooding Plan Change and the proposed Pinehaven and Silverstream Plan Change. The proposed Pinehaven and Silverstream Plan Change is one of the key components of providing flood security to the Pinehaven and Silverstream catchments, and is recommended by the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan. UHCC have deferred the notification of the plan changes until 2017.

### **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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