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Report to the Environment Committee  
from Councillor Ian Buchanan

## **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan, Consultation Draft**

### **1. Purpose**

Further to discussion at the last Environment Committee meeting, I undertook to meet with Councillor Werry on the status of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan Consultation Draft in relation to the Environment Committee's responsibilities.

### **2. Meeting Held**

Accordingly, I have now met with Councillor Werry, Jane Bradbury, Andrew Annakin, and Alistair Cross from Flood Protection. A good level of understanding resulted. The key points to note are:

- The Consultation Draft was developed by the Hutt River Floodplain Advisory Committee (a sub-committee of the Landcare Committee), in accordance with its terms of reference and the approved processes for developing the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan. The methodology followed the successful, community focused, Kapiti Coast Floodplain Management Plans;
- The Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan is a non-statutory document, but with close links with the Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Freshwater Plan (the proposed non-structural methods will be further developed in concern with applicable District Plans);
- Consultation between Landcare and Environment Division staff centred on the key elements of the Consultation Draft (especially regarding the Environmental Strategy and Emergency Management measures). This consultation is ongoing and Environment Division staff will comment directly on the Consultation Draft; and

- The Landcare Committee is the correct body to consider recommendations from the Advisory Committee through to the Regional Council (the major elements of the Consultation Draft have already taken this route, including the Design Standard, Environment Strategy and Non-Structural Principles).

I remain confident that Councillor Werry and the Landcare team will make sound policy recommendation for the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan through to the Regional Council, in due course.

### 3. **Recommendation**

*That this report be received and the contents noted.*

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