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HUTT CITY COUNCILWAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Report of an Extraordinary meeting held in the Hutt City Council Chambers,
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Monday 10 December 2007 commencing at 2.00pm

PRESENT: Cr P Lamason (Chair)
Cr I Buchanan, GWRC
Cr S Greig, GWRC
Cr VR Jamieson, HCC
Cr RW Styles, HCC
Mayor DK Ogden, HCC
Mr L Roberts, Waiwhetu Stream Working Group (from 2.25pm)
Mr T Puketapu

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Cr P Glensor, GWRC.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr B Branch, HCC
Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive, HCC (part meeting)
Mr B Sherlock, General Manager City Services, HCC
Mr G Dick, Divisional Manager Catchment Management, GWRC
Mr G Campbell, Manager Flood Protection, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr T Porteous, Biodiversity Co-ordinator, GWRC
Ms K Muldowney, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr J Coakley, URS New Zealand Ltd
Ms S Jenkin, URS New Zealand Ltd
Ms D Bush, Committee Advisor, HCC

REPORT TO COUNCILPUBLIC BUSINESS

Matters requiring specific consideration by Council are shown as "**RECOMMENDED**" while those matters which are within the Subcommittee's power to determine are shown as "**RESOLVED**".

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1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 070401

"That the apology received from Cr P Glensor be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair recognised the work of the previous Chair, Mr S Macaskill. She advised that a letter of thanks was being prepared from Greater Wellington Regional Council. She wished Mr Macaskill well in the future.

3. STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 070402

"That the Subcommittee adopts the 2006 version of Hutt City Council's Standing Orders subject to the amendments contained in the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Amendment Act 2004 and the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2004 being incorporated into the document for use throughout the 2007/2010 triennium."

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers under public comment.

5. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY TERMS OF REFERENCE (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAS2007/4/1 by the Project Manager - circulated pages 1-6.

The Project Manager elaborated on the report and highlighted the amendments made to the Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee as had been agreed by Greater Wellington Regional Council.

In response to a question from Mayor Ogden, the Project Manager confirmed that Cr Lamason had been appointed by Greater Wellington Regional Council as Chair of the Subcommittee which is a subcommittee of the Greater Wellington Regional Council's Catchment Management Committee.

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Mayor Ogden congratulated the Chair on her appointment, but expressed strong concern regarding the issue that no allowance had been made for Alternates in the Subcommittee's Terms of Reference. He explained that the Hutt City Council had appointed two Alternates to the Subcommittee and that this had been communicated to the Greater Wellington Regional Council. He further expressed concern on the numbers required for a quorum of the Subcommittee and requested the numbers in the Terms of Reference be adjusted to two members from Greater Wellington Regional Council and two members from Hutt City Council.

Members discussed these concerns and agreed to note the revised Terms of Reference with the exception of the quorum section and point three under the heading 'Reporting and Servicing' that stated there shall be no provision for Alternate members.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 070403

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) notes the revised Terms of Reference approved by Greater Wellington Regional Council except for the reference to the quorum and alternates;*
- (ii) requests Greater Wellington Regional Council to reconsider changing the Terms of Reference to reflect two Councillors from Greater Wellington Regional Council and two Councillors from Hutt City Council will constitute a quorum of the Subcommittee;*
- (iii) requests Greater Wellington Regional Council to reconsider amending the Terms of Reference to remove the words "except there shall be no provision for alternate members"; and*
- (iv) invites the Chair of the Waiwhetu Stream Working Group (Les Roberts) to be a member of the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee."*

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL AND GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

- a) Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study Remediation Trial (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAS2007/4/2 by the Project Manager - circulated pages 7-28.

Mr Roberts arrived at 2.25pm.

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The Project Manager elaborated on the report explaining the urgency of the decision to commence the project in February/March 2008. He further explained that it was crucial to start this trial during the summer period in order for all the work to be completed during the low flow period to minimise the risk of flooding.

The Project Manager introduced Mr J Coakley from URS New Zealand who had been responsible for the remediation design on the trial. He provided a background to the work, an outline on the remediation trial itself along with an estimate of the trial costs involved.

Ms S Jenkin from URS New Zealand Limited, who was responsible for planning, consents and consultation on the project, explained that no consent was required from the Hutt City Council, but that a compliance certificate would be gained. However, she noted that a resource consent was required from Greater Wellington Regional Council to cover works on the stream bed, the diversion of water around the works and discharge of water back into the stream. She further advised that there had been consultation with identified affected parties and all parties had expressed support for the trial.

MOVED: (Chair/Cr Buchanan)

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) notes the report and its contents;
- (ii) recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council that it proceed with a full scale trial of the remediation technique during the summer of 2007/08 at an estimated project cost of \$500,000;
- (iii) recommends to Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council that the remediation trial be treated as part of the overall clean up project with the costs shared between Greater Wellington, Hutt City and the Ministry for the Environment in the proportions to be specified within the relevant project agreements;
- (iv) recommends Greater Wellington Regional Council provide cashflow financing of up to \$500,000, with relevant cost shares to be recovered from Hutt City Council and the Ministry for the Environment within the current financial

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year, so that the trial can be completed in the 2007/08 financial year; and

- (v) notes that the relevant cost shares would be: Ministry for the Environment (\$250,000), Hutt City Council (\$207,500) and Greater Wellington (\$42,500), and that the costs to Hutt City are currently not provided for within Hutt City Council's Long Term Council Community Plan."

Mayor Ogden expressed his concern that the trial was only the first step on the remediation of the Waiwhetu Stream and that progress was not fast enough. He further requested that once work had commenced it continued to ensure completion as early as possible.

The Manager Flood Protection from Greater Wellington Regional Council explained that a space between the trial and the commencement of the full scale remediation was required to complete detailed design and to obtain resource consents for the clean up project.

Cr Styles requested clarification on the cost share amounts as he believed the issue had yet to be resolved. Cr Buchanan advised that he understood these figures represented the pro-rata amounts based on the \$6 million project estimate.

Members agreed that the recommendation relating to cost shares should be amended to 'current funding arrangements.'

AMENDMENT MOVED: (Cr Buchanan/Cr Greig)

"That the relevant cost shares are according to the current funding arrangements, and that the costs to Hutt City are currently not provided for within Hutt City Council's Long Term Council Community Plan."

The amendment was declared CARRIED on the voices.

FURTHER AMENDMENT MOVED: (Mayor Ogden/Mr Roberts)

"That the officers prepare a timeline for the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study Remediation Trial and future remediation work and report back to the next meeting of the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee meeting."

The amendment was declared CARRIED on the voices.

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RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 070404

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) notes the report and its contents;*
- (ii) recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council that it proceed with a full scale trial of the remediation technique during the summer of 2007/08 at an estimated project cost of \$500,000;*
- (iii) recommends Greater Wellington Regional Council provide cashflow financing of up to \$500,000, with relevant cost shares to be recovered from Hutt City Council and the Ministry for the Environment within the current financial year, so that the trial can be completed in the 2007/08 financial year;*
- (iv) notes that the relevant cost shares are according to the current funding arrangements, and that the costs to Hutt City are currently not provided for within Hutt City Council's Long Term Council Community Plan; and*
- (v) requests that officers prepare a timeline for the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study Remediation Trial and future remediation work and report back to the next meeting of the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee meeting."*

RECOMMENDED:

Minute No. WSAS 070405

"That the Subcommittee recommends to Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council that the remediation trial be treated as part of the overall clean up project with the costs shared between Greater Wellington, Hutt City and the Ministry for the Environment in the proportions to be specified within the relevant project agreements."

7. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (AD35-18-1 / N/03/21/01)

Report No. WSAS2007/4/3 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 29-44.

The Project Manager elaborated on the report bringing to the attention of the members the draft project agreement between Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council. He advised that the agreement was complex, but was based on a previous agreement between Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council for the successful Ewen floodway project.

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In response to a comment from a member, the General Manager City Services, Hutt City Council advised that he would address any concerns regarding funding during the process.

Cr Jamieson advised that he was still disappointed at the level of funding available from the Ministry for the Environment, but was assured by Mayor Ogden and Cr Buchanan that a great deal of work had gone into the funding process and it was unlikely that any further money would be made available.

Mayor Ogden advised that he had sent a further letter to the Ministry for the Environment regarding funding.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAS 070406

"That the Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the report and notes its contents; and*
- (ii) notes the draft project agreement between Hutt City and Greater Wellington."*

8. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.34pm.

Cr P Lamason
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record dated this
18th day of December 2007

