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Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Plan - remediation and flood improvements request for additional funding

1. Purpose

To seek approval for additional capital expenditure of \$871,000 for the completion of the flood improvement portion of the Waiwhetu Stream Remediation and Flood Improvement Project.

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

Council approved a total budget of \$14.1M for the Waiwhetu Cleanup project at its meeting of 8 December 2008, Report 08.916. Of the total budget GW's share for the works was \$7.062M for the flood improvement works and \$500,000 as a fixed contribution to the remediation works.

The project team has now discovered that there is more contaminated material present than previously estimated and that the contamination extends further downstream than previously thought. This discovery has increased the estimated cost of both the remediation and flood improvement works and additional budget is sought to enable all of the work to be completed.

4. Comment

The matter was considered by the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee (WSAS) on 3 February 2010. Report Number WSAS2010/1/2 presented to the Subcommittee is included as Attachment 1 to this report. The report provides details on the following –

- Revised quantities and location of contaminated material;

- Factors causing cost increases;
- Revised funding apportionment between GW and HCC, and
- Options to progress the Project.

While the main change in the project scope has been with the remediation portion of the contract there have been some related increases to the Flood Improvements works as well as some other increases not able to be covered within the existing contingencies.

The report recommends:

“(iii) that Greater Wellington provide additional funding of \$870,477 to complete the flood improvement works for the lower reaches of the Waiwhetu Stream.”

At the time of preparing this report the WSAS meeting had not been held. The recommendations below have been drafted subject to the appropriate recommendation coming through from the WSAS and financial support being approved by Hutt City Council. The matter has not been considered by the Catchment Management Committee due to the desirability of it being considered prior to the Council agreeing the level of rates and levies for inclusion in the Proposed 2010/11 Annual Plan.

5. Financial Implications

The additional capital expenditure of \$871,000 recommended in this report would be funded via the Flood Protection capital expenditure programme. The loan funding requirements for this would be in the order of \$85,000 starting from 2010/11.

6. Communication

A media release has been prepared covering this issue as part of the WSAS meeting. A further press release is proposed once Council has made a decision.

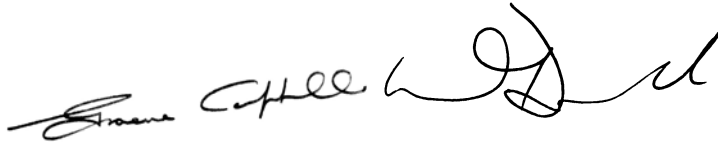
7. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives*** the report.
2. ***Notes*** the content of the report.
3. ***Approves*** the additional capital expenditure of \$871,000 subject to receiving a recommendation from the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Sub Committee requesting the additional budget and to Hutt City Council approving the necessary increases to fund the clean up portion of the project.

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**Attachment 1: Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Study Waiwhetu Contract 1268
Costs Update report No WSAS 2010/1/2 presented to the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory
Subcommittee meeting of 3 February 2010.**