

## **Greater Wellington Regional Council**

### **Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee**

(A subcommittee of the Strategy and Policy Committee)

#### **Purpose**

- 1 The purpose of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee is to facilitate the development of a Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) for the upper Ruamāhanga valley area. A FMP is a non-statutory plan that sets out a long-term strategy for managing areas at risk from flooding and erosion. FMPs may contain both regulatory and non-regulatory proposals.

#### **Specific Responsibilities**

- A The Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee is responsible for developing a FMP, for consideration and approval by Council, that:
  - recognises the need for communities to mitigate the effects of flooding to an acceptable level of risk, in a way that improves community resilience to flooding
  - recognises that flood risk cannot be completely eliminated and that provisions must be implemented to handle residual risk
  - recognises that methods chosen to mitigate the effects of flooding must be both affordable and sustainable
  - balances the priorities of Council in funding flood mitigation methods with the aspirations and contribution of the local community for implementation of the methods and ensures that any flood management solutions chosen can be accommodated within the funding constraints of the Council's Long-term Plan
  - ensures that methods adopted to mitigate the effects of flooding consider the river/stream environment, recognising the unique nature and the role that rivers/streams play in the lives of the community.

B. Provide oversight of the public involvement process that:

- ensures that the information base held by the community is made available to decision makers when appropriate
- enhances community awareness of floodplain management planning
- develops public confidence in the process of developing a FMP
- develops and maintains a network of contacts and mechanisms which can be used to provide community input required for the FMPs and to obtain that input when appropriate.

### **Membership**

1. The Greater Wellington Regional Council Councillor elected from the Wairarapa Constituency, and the Chair of the Strategy and Policy Committee.
2. One member, being an elected member of the Masterton District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by Masterton District Council.
3. One member, being an elected member of Carterton District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by Carterton District Council.
4. An appointed member nominated by Kahungunu ki Wairarapa.
5. An appointed member nominated by Rangitāne ō Wairarapa.
6. Up to two appointed members nominated by the existing scheme committees.
7. Up to four community members appointed by the Council for their skills and experience relevant to the work of the subcommittee.

### **Chairperson**

The Chairperson shall be appointed by Council from the community members appointed to the subcommittee.

### **Quorum**

Half the number of members, including one Greater Wellington Regional Council member.

### **Voting entitlement**

All members have equal voting and speaking rights.

The Chair has a deliberative vote and in the case of an equality of votes has a casting vote.

### **Reporting and servicing**

1. The Subcommittee reports to the Strategy and Policy Committee of the Wellington Regional Council.
2. The Subcommittee is serviced by the Wellington Regional Council.
3. As the servicing body, Wellington Regional Council standing orders will apply to the Subcommittee with no provision for alternate members.

### **Remuneration**

1. The expenses of members of the Subcommittee who are elected members of the Wellington Regional Council, Masterton District Council or Carterton District Council shall be met by the council they represent.
2. Subcommittee members who are not otherwise being remunerated may claim Greater Wellington Regional Council daily meeting attendance allowances and expenses.
3. The Chairperson shall also be eligible to receive an annual taxable honorarium of \$5,000.

### **Meeting frequency and life of Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee shall meet as required.

It is expected that the FMP will be developed within 24 months of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee's establishment. The Subcommittee shall cease to exist when the Council has made a decision on the Floodplain Management Plan recommended by the subcommittee or at a time the Council determines.