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Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2015

1. Purpose

To approve the reviewed Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2015 on the recommendation of Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee.

2. Background

Greater Wellington Regional Council, Porirua City Council, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangātira and Wellington City Council are signatories to the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan (2012) (the Strategy). The Strategy outlines the history of the harbour, its current condition, a strategy for improving its health and a large suite of strategic and operational actions for achieving this improvement. The Strategy includes actions for meeting three key objectives:

- reducing sedimentation rates
- reducing pollutant inputs; and
- ecological restoration.

The Strategy was produced and adopted in consultation with the community and key stakeholders, and included a commitment that it would be reviewed every three years.

A preliminary three-year review of the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2012, coordinated by Porirua City Council's Harbour Coordinator, was completed in mid-2014. Draft recommended changes were approved for consultation with signatory stakeholders by Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee at its 30 October 2014 meeting. Consultation with signatory stakeholders has been completed and appropriate changes made to the Strategy.

Those Stakeholders that were consulted included:

- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangātira
- Porirua City Council
- Greater Wellington Regional Council
- Wellington City Council
- New Zealand Transport Agency
- Regional Public Health
- Porirua Harbour Trust; and
- Guardians of Pauatahanui Inlet.

The objectives and actions of the Strategy represent a broad suite of activities to either eliminate or at least minimise the adverse impacts of land uses, land management or development activities within the Catchment. The reviewed document maintains the strategic goals but updates the actions to fulfil the Strategy objectives. The broad and specific elements supported by the community and stakeholders remain intact.

3. Comment

At their meeting on 12 March 2015, Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee considered a report that outlined the submissions received and the proposed changes to the Strategy in response to submissions, and provided a final Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2015 for the Committee's approval.

Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee agreed with the proposed changes and resolved to recommend adoption of Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2015 by Greater Wellington Regional Council, Porirua City Council, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangātira and Wellington City Council. A copy of the Strategy is attached as **Attachment 1**.

4. Communication

Once the revised Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2015 has been adopted by all Strategy partners, an appropriate release event will be arranged in liaison with the Chair of Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee.

5. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

5.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term ‘significance’ has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

The Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2015 is a non-statutory document that is the foundation of a collaboration between agencies and the community to protect the health of the Porirua Harbour. Reviewing and updating the original Strategy is considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

5.2 Engagement

Engagement on the matters contained in this report aligns with the level of significance assessed. As noted in section 2 of this report, all parties involved in the formulation of the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2012 have been consulted in the 2015 revision.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan 2015.*

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Attachment 1: Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment - Strategy and Action Plan updated March 2015