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## **Report to Council on Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee meeting, 12 May 2016**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council of the Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee meeting of 12 May 2016.

### **2. Public participation**

There was no public participation.

### **3. Reports**

#### **3.1 Update from Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee**

The Committee received an oral report from Peter Gawith, Chair, and Esther Dijkstra, Deputy Chair, of the Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee.

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee has been busy meeting with and developing relationships with key stakeholders in the community and is about to embark on a community engagement process.

The Committee thanked the Council for their increased remuneration.

#### **3.2 Whaitua Committee Process – where to next**

Alistair Smail, Project Manager, spoke to the report. The next Whaitua Committee to be established will be the Wellington Harbour/Hutt Valley Committee. The process will take about six months' preparation to put in place, and is likely to commence mid next year. Main issues are aligning processes around storm-water and waste-water consenting processes with the Wellington Water Integrated Catchment Management plan to ensure effective implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, and engagement with stakeholders and resources.

### **3.3 Proposed Natural Resources Plan – update on Schedule 1 process**

Miranda Cross, Team Leader, Policy Development, spoke to the report. Information days are about to begin, and formal pre-hearings on specific topics will take place later in the year. Hearings are expected to begin after Waitangi Day in 2017.

### **3.4 Proposed Natural Resources Plan – Implementation programme**

Lucy Harper, Team Leader, Policy Implementation, spoke to the report. The Committee heard that the focus of the implementation programme is based on effective collaboration within GWRC and between GWRC departments, the community and industry stakeholders.

## **4. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **4.1 Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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