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## **Report on Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee meeting 17 June 2016**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Environment Committee of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 17 June 2016.

### **2. Reports**

#### **2.1 Rural river options development (a framework)**

The Subcommittee reviewed information gained from the field trips and workshops that the Subcommittee and community had participated in. The Subcommittee was reminded of the Common Tools that are applicable to the Waipoua, Waingawa and Ruamahanga Rivers.

The Subcommittee heard about the ten significant response areas and further detail about the Common Tools and their application to the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan.

The Subcommittee heard that the preferred option is a framework of Common Tools and FMP responses. Officers are in a position to begin drafting the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan (TKURFMP), which will be presented to the Subcommittee before public consultation. At the same time, consultation will be held with particular interest groups, stakeholders and partners around issues dealt with in the TKURFMP. The feedback will be presented to the Subcommittee.

#### **2.2 Forward work programme report**

The Subcommittee was informed of the timeframes for the meeting programme, including consultation with the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee and other particular interested parties and stakeholders, and workshops for the draft Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan. A

comprehensive first draft is due to be presented to the Subcommittee at their meeting in September 2016.

An additional meeting to be included in the programme will be held at 2.30pm on 25 July 2016.

### **2.3 Project Manager's report**

The Subcommittee was informed that Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and Masterton District Council (MDC) are working together regarding the flood risk affecting Masterton. A hydrology report has been completed and officers of GWRC and MDC are to meet to consider the findings. A model re-run will be carried out after the hydrology report is accepted and endorsed by both councils.

Ongoing maintenance, including gravel groynes and stop bank maintenance occurred during the fourth quarter of the 2015/16 financial year. Willow poles and native plants are scheduled to be planted during the winter planting season.

Rock groynes have been identified as the best management option for Dakin's Road erosion maintenance planning. This will be provided to Carterton District Council for consideration. The cost of this is uncertain.

Waiohine FMP has been approved by GWRC for public consultation. Consultation will be open for six weeks and then submissions will be considered by a hearing subcommittee, which will make a recommendation to the Environment Committee.

Both Ruamāhanga and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Committees are working towards establishing their visions, with workshops to understand community values.

Submissions on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan have been received, including an errors and omissions addendum and further submissions. Meetings have been held with submitters to ensure they understand the Schedule One hearing process. Pre-hearing meetings on specific topics will be held between July to September 2016 with submitters who submitted on that topic. The pre-hearing meetings will clarify issues raised during submissions, which will allow the hearings to be more focused.

The Chair provided a report on Water Wairarapa (WW). The Chair has attended forums with the local councils and the Ministers of Finance and Primary Industries. The project is half funded by rates and half funded by central government. The main issue is now identifying water demand from a larger farm basis. WW will now workshop with the three district councils to help guide a decision with their potential involvement in future phases of the project.

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

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **3.1 Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

## **4. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

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