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Report on the Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Plan Committee meeting on 24 November 2010

1. Purpose

To inform council on the Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Plan Committee meeting that took place on 24 November 2010 in Paraparaumu.

2. Reports

2.1 New Co-Chair

At the commencement of the meeting Councillor Wilde informed the Committee that Councillor Chris Laidlaw was to become the new Councillor Co-chair of the Committee, and welcomed him to this role.

2.2 Oral report – Transmission Gully Plan Change

Miranda Robinson, Team Leader Policy Development, gave the committee an update on Transmission Gully plan change process.

2.3 Project Plan for the Plan review process

Jonathan Streat, Manager, Environmental Policy presented a paper that outlined the scope of work required to manage the investigations, debates and decision making involved in the review of Greater Wellington's Natural Resource Management Plan over the next three years.

The Committee agreed to the establishment of a working group to work closely with staff for the purpose of finalising a detailed project plan for the review of the Natural Resource Management Plan. Committee members on the working group are Councillors Laidlaw and Wilde, and Te Waari Carkeek and Rawiri Faulkner.

2.4 A proposal for cultural values assessment, monitoring and integration into the plan development process

Riki Ellison, Manager, Māori Relations, presented a paper focussed on processes for recognising, assessing and providing for Iwi values and interests in natural resource management within the Wellington region through the Regional Plan.

It was agreed that to assist the mana whenua Iwi Authorities in engaging with Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Plan Committee in the plan development process, Greater Wellington would need to undertake a number of tasks such as:

- Undertaking a review of all existing information, including Waitangi Tribunal reports and other historical information and reports regarding Māori environmental values within each Iwi rohe and provide this to the relevant mana whenua Iwi authorities
- Collating and identify priorities identified by Iwi during the recent Natural Resource Plan Workshops
- Collating relevant scientific and other council information on natural resources within each Iwi rohe, and work with the relevant Iwi to interpret this information in a way that supports the Iwi understanding of both the state of their environment and the likely cause and effect of any changes
- Working with Iwi to identify where there are common outcomes/objectives shared with other parts of the community; and where there are outcomes and objectives specific to Iwi.

The Committee agreed that they would need to approach mana whenua Iwi to assist in developing an understanding of cultural values and how they might fit into the regional plan. Other issues identified as needing to be addressed through dialogue included and an identification of gaps in the existing information regarding Iwi values, expectations and priorities and how to balance Iwi interests across environmental, social, economic, and cultural values

It was agreed that Working Group be tasked with developing a draft project plan to consider how to best answer these questions.

2.5 Hazards – in the coastal marine area and beds of lakes and rivers – and coastal restoration

Dr Iain Dawe, Hazards Analyst, presented a report which discussed the issues options for hazards management in the Wellington Region. These issues are incorporated to a greater or lesser degree into all of Greater Wellington regional plans, however, the main regional plans that address natural hazards are the freshwater plan, the coastal plan and the soils plan.

The importance of natural systems in controlling hazards and the role that restoration projects have in hazards management was emphasised, and the

paper also summarised the main issues that need to be addressed in the review of the regional plans for better management of natural hazards in the Wellington region. In light of the growing awareness of climate change and sea level rise, the need for the second generation plans to take this into account and include policies and rules to address the effects that will come to bear on the region over the next decade was also emphasised.

3. Field Trip

At the conclusion of the meeting Committee members participated in a field trip that looked at various coastal hazard management issues, examples of restoration planting, and cultural sites of significant in the coastal area.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are in Attachment 1.

5. Recommendations

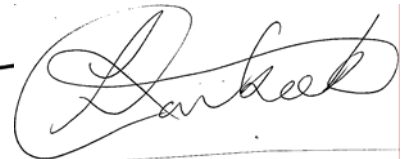
That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes