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Report on the Environment Committee meeting, 21 June 2016

1. Purpose

To inform Council of the Environment Committee meeting of 21 June 2016.

2. Reports

2.1 Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan

The Committee received an update on the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan and the community consultation on the additional flood hazard maps.

Consultation with the affected community has been ongoing over a number of years. In 2016 two community meetings have been held. The concerns raised at the first meeting were used to develop the additional flood maps. Ten additional maps were created to aid community understanding of how the map was built up and the impact of allowances for climate change, blockages and other uncertainties. In general the maps were well received by the Pinehaven and Silverstream Focus Group and at the second community meeting.

Consultation with local iwi has also taken place, the outcome of this being that while the Pinehaven catchment had significance as a waterway, it was not known to be an area of historic cultural significance or current cultural significance to Māori.

The Committee noted the community consultation, and additional maps that have been developed and included as an appendix to the Floodplain Management Plan, for the purpose of enhancing community understanding of the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan.

The Committee noted the excellent work of officers in managing this lengthy process and navigating through the areas of conflict and tension.

The Committee approved the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan and accompanying maps for adoption by Council.

2.2 Draft Hutt and Wainuiomata/ Orongorongo Water Collection Areas Management Plan (2016)

This report presented the draft Hutt and Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Areas Management Plan to the Committee and sought approval for its release for partner and stakeholder consultation.

A plan for the water collection areas was previously developed in 2008 but not adopted by Council. Whilst the Parks Network Plan (2011) is the overarching management plan for the GWRC park network, its scope does not encompass the two water collection areas (WCA) which are managed primarily for water supply purposes.

The draft Plan is structured as four parts:

- Section one and two introduce the Plan and outline core shared goals for management
- Sections three, four and five outline planning, landscape and natural and cultural heritage context and features of the water collection areas
- Section six reflects drinking water safety plans, documents the key threats to water quality and supply, and identifies actions to minimise or mitigate them, and
- Sections seven and eight are focused on management operations. A management framework of goals, objectives and work actions is outlined.

The Committee noted the excellent work of officers in preparing this comprehensive plan.

The Committee approved the draft Plan for limited partner and stakeholder feedback. It noted that following engagement, the final water collection area management plan will be prepared and presented to Council for adoption.

2.3 Establishment of the Waiohine River Draft FMP Hearing Subcommittee and approval of Terms of Reference

The Committee was updated on the Waiohine River Draft FMP, and asked to establish a Hearing Subcommittee to consider written and oral submissions on the plan. The Hearing Subcommittee will provide recommendations to the Committee on the final form of the FMP.

The Committee agreed to establish the Hearing Subcommittee and appointed the following members:

- Cr Barbara Donaldson (GWRC), (Chair)
- Cr Viv Napier (SWDC),

- Cr Mike Ashby (CDC),
- Shane Atkinson (Advisory Committee)

The Committee also approved the terms of reference for the Hearing Subcommittee.

2.4 General Managers' report to the Environment Committee

The Committee was updated on the activities of the Catchment Management, Environment Management, and Strategy groups relevant to the Committee.

The Committee was updated on the success of the rural HALO Goodnature trap trial.

The Committee was given an oral update on moving Riding for the Disabled to Battle Hill Farm Forest Park. Agreement has now been reached to site the permanent arena building in Abbotts Field, which is behind the homestead. This site will be less intrusive for neighbouring properties but still meets the needs of Riding for the Disabled. A temporary facility will be located on the empty section behind the homestead building in the interim. The ranger station will continue to be based in the homestead building for the time being.

The Committee was updated on the Electric Vehicle Symposium and were pleased to note that this event has now sold out.

2.5 Report on the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee meeting of 5 May 2016

The Committee received a report informing it of matters occurring of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee meeting of 5 May 2016.

3. Communication

No external communication is required.

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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