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## **Hutt River Advisory Committee - Continuation and Draft Terms of Reference**

### **1. Purpose**

To consider:

- the continuation of the Hutt River Advisory Committee in the 2004/2007 Triennium and
- the draft Terms of Reference for that Subcommittee.

### **2. Background**

In 1998, the Council established a Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee, as a subcommittee of the Landcare Committee. Its role was to prepare a floodplain management plan for the Hutt River.

In 2001 the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) was adopted and the Advisory Committee's primary function had been achieved. However, an ongoing role for the Advisory Committee emerged to oversee the implementation of the structural and non-structural measures, the environmental strategy and plan monitoring.

In 2001 Council approved the continuation of the Advisory Committee, to be known in future as the Hutt River Advisory Committee (HRAC). As with all Committees and Subcommittees of Council the HRAC was disestablished at the time of the Local Body Elections.

At the final HRAC meeting of the 2001/2004 triennium Advisory Committee members commented that HRAC had worked very well and they hoped that it would continue into 2004/2007 triennium. On that basis we are recommending that the HRAC be reconstituted with only minor updating of its Terms of Reference.

The draft Terms of Reference are set out in **Attachment 1** and should be reviewed by the Landcare Committee.

### **3. Comment**

#### **3.1 Ongoing role for the Advisory Committee**

The HRFMP lays the foundation for the next 40 years of flood protection in the Hutt Valley. Activities provided for in the Regional Council's current 10 year Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) include:

##### **Non-structural Measures**

- Proposing changes to Hutt and Upper Hutt City's district plans, and supporting agreed changes through to adoption
- Providing support for voluntary individual and community actions
- Developing and implementing enhanced Emergency Management programmes and procedures.

##### **Structural Measures**

- Ongoing maintenance programme
- Completing the Ava to Ewen upgrade
- Whirinaki Crescent stopbank upgrade
- Bridge Road Edge Protections and
- Commencing the Ewen to Kennedy-Good upgrade (includes Hutt and Boulcott Golf clubs and Hathaway Avenue flood protection).

##### **Environmental Strategy**

- Commence implementation via the capital projects
- Other projects proposed by the community or the councils

##### **Monitoring**

- Reporting on achievement
- Evaluating the Plan's performance.

The Advisory Committee can continue to provide the Greater Wellington Regional Council, through the Landcare Committee, with sound advice on resolving issues which will arise as these programmes are implemented.

Throughout HRAC's existence, the Landcare Committee has been well advised by the Advisory Committee. Both the Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councillors have expressed support for an ongoing role for the Advisory Committee, particularly in implementation of the Environmental Strategy.

#### **3.2 Waiwhetu Stream**

The current Terms of Reference restrict HRAC's operation to overseeing the implementation of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan. However, Hutt City Council has resolved to advocate for the Waiwhetu Stream to be

included within the Terms of Reference for the HRAC. This matter is discussed in report 04.599.

If HCC and GWRC agree that the HRAC Terms of Reference should be expanded to include the Waiwhetu Stream then the Terms of Reference can be adjusted by a subsequent meeting of the Landcare Committee.

### **3.3 Membership**

Greater Wellington, on nomination of the various parties, appoints members of HRAC. The former membership of the HRAC was made up of an independent Chairperson (Mr Stuart Macaskill) and:

- 3 GWRC nominees
- 3 HCC nominees
- 3 UHCC nominees
- 1 Wellington Tenth Trust nominee and
- 1 Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui nominee

## **4. Communication**

The Committee's decisions will be reported to HRAC member bodies.

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. **confirm** that the Hutt River Advisory Committee be re-established for the 2004 - 2007 triennium
2. **confirm** the Terms of Reference for the Hutt River Advisory Committee as set out in Attachment 1 to this Report, subject to any adjustments the Committee feels are appropriate
3. **appoint** a Chairperson and three members of the Landcare Committee to the Hutt River Advisory Committee and
4. **invite** other bodies to be represented to forward their nominations for appointment

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**Attachment 1:** Terms of Reference November 2004