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HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WAIWHETU STREAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Hutt City Council Chambers,
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Thursday 7 September 2006 commencing at 3.35pm

PRESENT: Cr C Laidlaw, Greater Wellington Regional Council (Chair)
Cr P Glensor, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr S Greig, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr VR Jamieson, Hutt City Council
Cr RW Styles, Hutt City Council
Mr L Roberts, Waiwhetu Stream Working Group

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr S Macaskill and Mayor DK Ogden (HCC).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr JMK Baird, HCC Alternate
Cr G Evans, GWRC Alternate
Mr R Hart, Chief Executive, HCC
Mr D Kelly, General Manager City Services, HCC
Mr B Sherlock, Divisional Manager Utility Services, HCC
Mr D Carson, Communications Manager, HCC
Mr G Dick, Divisional Manager Catchment Management, GWRC
Mr J Eyles, Project Manager, GWRC
Mr T Porteous, Biodiversity Co-ordinator, GWRC
Mr J Easter, URS New Zealand Ltd
Ms J Lindesay, URS New Zealand Ltd
Mr B Fountain, SKM New Zealand Ltd
Ms Y Cheong, Capacity
Mrs JE Stevens, Manager Secretariat Services, HCC

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Matters requiring specific consideration by Council are shown as "RECOMMENDED" while those matters which are within the Committee's power to determine are shown as "RESOLVED."

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1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060401

"That the apologies received from Mr S Macaskill and Mayor DK Ogden be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers under public comment.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060402

"That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2006, circulated pages WSAC R/1 – WSAC R/4, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting, subject to amending 'PG Glensor' to 'P Glensor' on page WSAC R/4."

4. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY LOWER WAIWHETU PRELIMINARY DESIGN REPORT (N/03/21/01/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WSAC2006/4/1 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 1 – 4.

The Project Manager introduced the report, and Mr Easter made a presentation on the preliminary design, highlighting that economic considerations support the continuation of the preliminary design concept. He commented on proposals for each reach of the stream and noted that, as part of the development of a comprehensive floodplain management plan, the situation whereby the stream continues to be confined should be avoided, and this is one of the reasons why Option 3 is supported.

Responding to questions from members, Mr Easter commented on provision made for services that cross the stream, including costings included for siphons where the sewer needs to be lowered, adding that siphons are not widely supported. He commented on resource consent, designation and land acquisition issues and timing, and expressed a preference for development of a floodway that does not require physical works. He outlined the risks associated with the project and mitigation measures proposed.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060403

"That the Committee:

(i) receives the report and notes its contents;

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- (ii) *endorses Option 3 as the preferred structural option for reducing flood risk in the lower reaches of the Waiwhetu Stream;*
- (iii) *notes that scheduling of the works and the affordability of Option 3 now needs to be considered by each council; and*
- (iv) *notes that a final decision to adopt Option 3, or otherwise, should be made at the conclusion of Phase 2 studies (to be completed in June 2007) so that the mix of structural and non structural flood mitigation solutions can be considered as a whole, before completing the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Plan."*

Responding to questions from members, the Divisional Manager Catchment Management confirmed that officers could develop scenarios based on a 6 year and 10 year timeframe for the project but noted that there was uncertainty about when these timeframes could apply from.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060404

"That the Committee notes that the optimal staging from a technical perspective is 6 years and requests staging options for 6 year and 10 year programmes."

5. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY
AWAMUTU PRELIMINARY DESIGN REPORT (N/03/21/01/RM50-15-11)

Report No WSAC2006/4/2 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 5 – 8.

The Project Manager introduced the report, and Mr Fountain made a presentation on the preliminary design and summarised the costs involved, which are less than estimated at the options assessment stage and now provide for a 100 year return period level of protection rather than 50 years.

Responding to questions from members, Mr Fountain confirmed that final design would follow the consent process, and that the floodgate completes the flood defences against the Waiwhetu Stream and the pump station is an essential component of the Awamutu Stream project. He confirmed that the hydraulic modelling undertaken takes into account the effect of the Waiwhetu Stream on the Awamutu Stream.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060405

"That the Committee:

- (i) *receives the report and notes its contents;*
- (ii) *endorses Options 3 as the preferred structural option for reducing flood risk from the Awamutu Stream;*

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- (iii) notes that scheduling of the works and the funding of Option 3 now needs to be considered;
- (iv) notes that the Awamutu works could proceed independently of lower Waiwhetu flood mitigation works;
- (v) notes that a final decision to adopt Option 3, or otherwise, should be made at the conclusion of Phase 2 studies (to be completed in June 2007) so that the mix of structural and non structural flood mitigation solutions can be considered as a whole, before completing the Waiwhetu Stream Floodplain Management Strategy; and
- (vi) requests an indicative schedule of works to best fit in with the Waiwhetu Stream 6 year and 10 year options."

6. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY:
CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS REMEDIATION UPDATE
(N/03/21/01/RM50-15-11)

Report No. WSAC2006/4/3 by the Biodiversity Coordinator Environmental Policy – circulated pages 9 – 12.

The Biodiversity Coordinator introduced the report and advised that the Ministry for the Environment has indicated it would be interested in receiving a proposal for a remediation plan, and that the required funding may be available.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060406

"That the Committee:

- (i) receives the report and notes its contents;
- (ii) requests that officers prepare and lodge an application for funding from the Ministry for the Environment's Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund, noting that additional work is required to complete the application at an estimated cost of \$50,300; and
- (iii) requests that officers provide progress reports at subsequent Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Committee meetings."

7. ONGOING CONTAMINATION OF THE LOWER WAIWHETU STREAM

Report No. WSAC2006/4/4 by the Divisional Manager Utility Services – circulated pages 13 – 20.

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The Divisional Manager Utility Services introduced the report and elaborated on the monitoring proposed and the current discussions taking place between officers of the two councils aimed at streamlining processes where contamination is discovered and empowering Hutt City Council staff to take action when required.

Members expressed concern over difficulties associated with enforcement, particularly in respect of those operators who repeatedly make illegal discharges.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060407

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes that initial studies confirm that there are ongoing contaminants entering the Waiwhetu Stream from stormwater discharges;*
- (ii) notes that further work is underway to categorise and mitigate such contamination, with an objective of meeting ANZECC guidelines for water quality; and*
- (iii) requests a report back to the next meeting on options for enforcement against polluters."*

8. WAIWHETU STREAM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STUDY PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

Report No. WSAC2006/4/5 by the Project Manager – circulated pages 21 – 25.

The Project Manager elaborated on the report and advised that a further public meeting is scheduled for 7 October 2006.

The Chair noted the requirement for media releases as the project progresses, and for time to be spent discussing funding issues at the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WSAC 060408

"That the Committee receives the report and notes its contents."

The Committee acknowledged the work carried out by the Project Manager and by Mr Easter and Ms Lindesay in particular.

9. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

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C Laidlaw
CHAIR