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Report on the Catchment Management Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2008

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee meeting that took place on 16 October 2008 in the Wellington office.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Reports

3.1 Afforestation Grant Scheme Funding Agreement

The Committee considered the report and has recommended that Council agree to participate in the Afforestation Grant Scheme. Report 08.817 in this order paper covers this item.

3.2 Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Project

The report proposed changes to what was originally simply a proposal to construct a new stopbank to protect Greytown and surrounding farmland. The key change being: that a (shortened or truncated) floodplain management plan investigation occur in tandem with the design and planning phase for the proposed new stopbank. This would ensure that all options for flood risk management are considered, including appropriate planning measures, to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the scheme.

The report also recommended that an advisory committee be established to enable community feedback and recommendations from the community to be

provided to Council. Good engagement with the community is an essential element in the floodplain management planning process.

3.3 Annual FMP implementation progress report

The report provided a summary of progress with implementing the three main western flood plans (Hutt, Otaki and Waikanae), and the first year of structural upgrades to the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme.

The Committee noted the good progress being made with the capital work programmes.

3.4 Flood Protection Annual Asset Management Report

John Eyles spoke to this paper before handing over to Jeff Evans and Mike Longworth to show some photographs of work completed over the 2007/08 year.

John Eyles advised the Committee that Council's flood protection assets were being appropriately maintained and were ready "to go" if a major flood event was to occur tomorrow. He also noted that a peer review process with engineering staff from Horizons Regional Council had been set up to provide an independent assessment.

Horizons staff visited Wellington and the Wairarapa in June and inspected a selection of representative sites on three of our major river systems. The resulting report was positive, and advised that they believed our schemes are being managed and maintained appropriately given the resources available.

3.5 Divisional Managers report

No significant issues arose from this report.

4. Unconfirmed Minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: The unconfirmed minutes of the Catchment Management Committee held on 16 October 2008.