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Committee Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee
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Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan

1. Purpose

- To update the Subcommittee on submissions received on the proposed Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan.
- To establish a hearing panel to consider written and oral submissions on the Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan and to provide a recommendation to the Subcommittee on the adoption of the plan.

2. Background

A first round of consultation on the proposed Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) with the Pinehaven and Silverstream communities was held in 2014. During this consultation a decision was made by this Subcommittee to do an additional independent audit of the hydrology, hydraulic modelling, and mapping for the Pinehaven catchment. This audit was completed on 13 July 2015, and found the work fit for purpose. Some suggestions were made for improvements, and these have been included as additions to the document. None of the suggested changes materially affects the flood mapping included in the FMP or FMP outcomes.

A second round of consultation was held between the 9 September 2015 and 16 October 2015. This consultation was launched by open day events held on 9 September 2015 and 16 September 2015. These open day events were run jointly with Upper Hutt City Council. These events also included information on the FMP, UHCC Urban Growth Strategy and UHCC Protected Trees policy.

We invited written submissions during both rounds of consultation on the proposed FMP.

3. Submissions summary

Submissions were received from individual submitters and groups representing parts of the community. Submissions are summarised below.

3.1 Submissions received in 2014

- 36 separate submissions were received and 10 submitters wished to be heard regarding their submissions.
- A petition was received calling for an independent audit of the flood mapping and to save the Pinehaven Hills from development.

3.2 2015 submissions

- Four independent submissions were received, one submitter wished to be heard regarding their submission.
- A submission was received from the 'Save Our Hills' group containing 363 template forms completed by members of the community.

4. Hearing Panel

It is proposed that the Subcommittee establish a hearing panel to consider and hear submissions, seek clarification from officers on technical matters and report its recommendations on the Pinehaven Stream FMP to the HVFMS meeting on 4 March 2016.

- As of writing, 10 members of the public have indicated that they wish to be heard in support of their written submission.
- The Hearing Panel meeting will be held in February 2016 with the time and date to be decided.
- Submitters will be contacted to arrange a time to be heard by the panel two weeks in advance of the agreed date.

4.1 Terms of reference for Hearing Panel

The proposed terms of reference for the panel are attached (**Attachment One**).

5. Local Government Act 2002

It is consistent with best practice and the requirements of section 82 of the Local Government Act that members hearing submissions should be present for the duration of the hearing and consideration of submissions.

6. The decision-making process and significance

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

6.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into

account. Due to the procedural nature and low significance of the decision officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

6.2 Engagement

In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, no engagement on the matters for decision is required.

7. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Resolves** to establish a hearing panel to consider written and oral submissions on the proposed Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan.
4. **Appoints** Cr Sandra Greig (as Chair), Cr Ken Laban, Cr Paul Swain, Mayor Wayne Guppy (UHCC), Cr Dean Rabbitt (UHCC) and Cr Steve Taylor (UHCC) as members of the panel.
5. **Adopts** the terms of reference for the panel as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.

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Attachment One: Terms of Reference for Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan Hearing Panel