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Waiohine River Floodplain Management Plan - Draft FMP consultation

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on progress with the Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) and outline the proposed Draft FMP consultation process.

2. Background

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), through the Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Advisory Committee (WFMPAC), has been developing a FMP for the Waiohine River. The intended purpose of the FMP is to manage the risk of flooding and erosion from the Waiohine River.

A proposed Draft FMP has now been developed by the WFMPAC, if approved by this Committee, the Draft FMP will be released for a final round of public consultation.

Hard copies of the proposed Draft FMP will be available for members at the meeting.

3. Consultation Process

The ongoing relationship between Carterton District Council (CDC), South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) and GWRC is critical to the completion and success of the FMP development process.

SWDC and CDC support the consultation process on the proposed Draft FMP as set out in the table below.

Consultation for the Draft FMP will or has taken place as follows:

Date	Consultation
April 2016	Met with those people identified as being affected by the Draft FMP.

June 2016	<p>Begin proposed consultation process in Greytown and the wider Wairarapa community; including radio advertisements, press coverage, public meetings and the distribution of a newsletter.</p> <p>There will be a 6 week period for people to make submissions.</p> <p>All those consulted will be given the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft FMP.</p>
Later in 2016	Proposed hearing where submitters can speak to their submissions.
Later in 2016	Hearing panel will then make a series of recommendations to the Environment Committee based on issues arising from submissions.
Later in 2016	The Environment Committee will recommend a Draft FMP to Council for adoption.

Once endorsed by GWRC the final FMP is proposed to be published by the end of the 2016 calendar year.

4. Hearing Panel

A report will be prepared for the Environment Committee meeting on 21 June to establish this Panel. This will include its terms of reference and nominated members. At this stage it is envisaged that the hearing panel would comprise representatives from SWDC, CDC, GWRC and WFMPAC.

5. 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).

5.1 Significance of the decision

The subject matter of this report is part of a decision making process that may lead to the Council making a decision of medium significance within the meaning of the Act. This is based on the fact that the implementation of the outcomes of the Waiohine FMP may have a major effect on a community (specifically Greytown residents and the surrounding rural land owners, and significantly affected residents on the Carterton side of the river).

5.2 Engagement

In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, officers have determined the appropriate level of engagement is consultation. The consultation proposed is set out in section 3 of this report.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the Draft FMP document for public consultation.*
4. *Approves the proposed consultation process as set out in section 3 of this report.*

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