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Hutt Valley Flood Management Projects Report

1. Purpose

To update the Subcommittee on progress made with general Hutt Valley Flood Management (HVFM) projects.

2. Background

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) has ongoing projects within the Hutt Valley and its wider catchment. Major projects are further detailed in separate reports. This report tracks and reports on progress of all projects and provides references to major project reports.

3. RiverLink

Items relating to RiverLink are included in separate reports.

4. Boulcott Finishing Works

Planting works at the Safeway/Transpower entrance to Connolly Street were completed on 31 August 2016. Several feature boulders are being sourced and will be placed during the week of 19 September 2016. The placement of the feature boulders will complete the landscaping works at the site.

A proposal has been received from a supplier to undertake the legal work required to affect the various land transfers and create new titles. We have been requested to clarify certain items contained within the scope of the proposal and we are reviewing the wording of these items. The first stage is the issuing of new titles followed by the various easements and encumbrance instruments being registered against those new titles.

A Land Valuation Tribunal hearing on a Safeway Self Storage Ltd claim was scheduled for March 2016. This was postponed due to unavailability of the panel members. Officers are awaiting a notification of a new hearing date.

5. Ebdentown Finishing Works

Work to complete planting at this site commenced on 30 August 2016. Ground preparation work has taken place and planting will commence on 14 September. Planting will take approximately two weeks to complete.

6. Hutt River Environmental Strategy Update

An update regarding the Hutt River Environmental Strategy update is provided in a separate report.

7. Cynobacteria Technical Report

A presentation, focusing on the Hutt Catchment part of this work, will be made to the Subcommittee at the meeting.

The Toxic Algae summary report is included as **Attachment 1**, and the Cynobacteria Technical report is included as **Attachment 2**.

8. Pinehaven Stream Floodplain Management Plan

A letter has been sent to submitters advising them of the decision of Council to adopt the Pinehaven Floodplain Management Plan

Upper Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council have signed an MOU for the implementation stage of the project. The agreement sets out who will be responsible for implementing various components of the work and how the costs for implementation will be shared.

9. Communication

No communication is necessary.

10. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

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.

10.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

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

10.2 Engagement

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

11. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

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

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Attachment 1: Toxic Algae in Wellington Region Rivers

Attachment 2: Benthic cyanobacteria blooms in rivers in the Wellington Region; Findings from a decade of monitoring and research