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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 – (Hutt River City Centre Upgrade Project)

The project has been renamed to RiverLink.

The design process reached its 60% design milestone in December 2016 following a series of community workshops in September and October. This 60% milestone recommended a river channel and stopbank toe. Stopbank design has progressed and a draft 3D model is currently being prepared. This will be workshopped with the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee in February 2017.

A project gateway website was launched in September 2016. This provides an overview of the project and links out to each of GWRC, HCC's and NZTA's website for more detailed information on the individual components of the project. The website includes a video overview of the project to provide introductory information about the project. The video is available in both English and Te Reo.

Property purchase continues steadily with seven of 117 properties purchased, and 31 other properties at various stages in the purchase/sale process. Property acquisition is being managed by The Property Group.

NZTA are progressing their indicative business case for the Melling Intersection Improvements.

HCC and GWRC are collaborating to host a pop up community hub within the city centre reach of the river over the remainder of the summer. This is being done to provide information about RiverLink and encourage people to think about the potential recreational opportunities along the river. This will link with HCC's arts programmes including Jazz by the River and Common Ground. The pop-up place will feature a gravel beach, a shipping container, and a coffee cart. The container, coffee cart and entertainment will be in place between 3 Feb and 13 Feb, and again between 3 March and 13 March, with a focus on higher usage for weekends.

4. Hutt River Environmental Strategy (HRES) Review

Phase 2 of the HRES is progressing well. In this Phase, we are using the community and stakeholder feedback gathered in Phase 1 to develop a document which sets out the vision, objectives, actions and performance measures for the future environmental enhancement of the Hutt River corridor.

Revisions to the existing governance structure are being explored as part of this work. The new HRES will recommend a management structure that can effectively and collaboratively drive the day to day management of the Hutt River toward to the vision.

Once the Strategy is in draft (March 2017), workshops will be held with our key partners including Iwi, HCC and UHCC. A final draft will be provided to the community for comment (May 2017). The HRES is anticipated to be finalised in June 2017.

5. Pinehaven Stream

Greater Wellington Regional Council, Upper Hutt City Council and Jacobs NZ Ltd were awarded the Geok Ling Phang memorial award for Best Practice by the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI), Wellington Branch.

The award is given to a person or organization for a significant contribution made by a project or publication in the Wellington Region that:

- Draws attention to the aims, objectives, and progress of planning.
- Highlights the valuable contributions sound planning has made to the quality of where we live, work and play.
- Gives coverage to the ideals of planning not only within the profession but also among the general public.
- Celebrates our accomplishments in making those collective decisions concerning our cities and regions that bring quality and meaning to our lives, addressing both current needs and those of the future.

It can relate to any of the following:

- The undertaking and completion of a project involving a physical work or development
- Integrated planning investigations and/or reporting
- Policy formulation
- Preparation or review of any policy statement or plan under the Resource Management Act
- Planning-related consultation and public involvement
- Planning-related report preparation
- Professional evidence
- Community information about planning and assessment of effects report
- Monitoring of effects and reporting
- Planning processes and systems.

The project has since been nominated for NZPI's National Best Practice award which will be judged and awarded in April 2017.

6. **Waiwhetu Stream**

Damage from recent storm events has affected a number of locations along the Waiwhetu stream, generating public enquires. Two locations are being further investigated, Waiwhetu Stream Weir adjacent to the Open Polytechnic and right bank between Hutt Park Bridge and Seaview Road Bridge.

HCC have indicated that they would assist with remedial works required in these locations.

7. **The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

7.1 **Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

8. **Recommendations**

That the Committee:

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

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