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Report on the Catchment Management Committee held on Thursday, 20 November 2008

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Catchment Management Committee meeting that took place on 20 November 2008 in the Otaki Memorial Hall, Otaki.

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. Agenda Items

3.1 Public participation

The meeting commenced with a warm welcomed by Andre Baker, Chair of the Otaki Community Board. Five Kapiti residents then took the opportunity to speak to the Committee about a variety of issues - see the attached minutes for a brief summary of this.

3.2 Akura Conservation Centre

Dave Cameron, Manager – Land Management, walked the Committee through the proposal to increase poplar pole production at Council's existing Akura and Mangapakeha nurseries. Currently demand exceeds supply capacity, and this gap is expected to increase assuming WRECI proceeds.

The Stage I proposal is to upgrade the irrigation system at Akura and bring further ground into production at Mangapakeha. Financial modelling shows that the estimated capital expenditure of about \$100,000 can be funded by the additional sales revenue from the increased production.

3.3 Otaihanga Boating Club

The Committee approved the request from the Otaihanga Boating Club for funding assistance to raise the clubrooms on the basis that it was consistent with the flood plan for Otaihanga. The Committee was however mindful of recent requests for house raising adjacent to the Waiwhetu and did not want to create a precedent.

The Committee asked officers to ensure any future flood plans are very specific about which buildings would be eligible for house raising assistance, if that was the approved flood mitigation option.

3.4 Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee (WHCAC)

This report presented the minutes of the WHCAC meeting held on the 4 November 2008.

One of the key items considered by the WHCAC was the future of possum control in the region. WHCAC strongly recommends that Council continue funding the Bovine Tb programme, at least until the current national strategy review is in place and operational. The Advisory Committee is also supportive of Council “maintaining the gains” by commencing a Regional possum control programme.

3.5 Waiwhetu Stream

The Committee supported the recommendation of the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee (WSAC) that Council provide the necessary funding so that work on flood protection improvements can commence in March/April 2009 in tandem with the contaminated sediment clean up work. In providing this support the Committee noted the comments made by Mayor Ogden, and captured in the WSAC minutes, regarding flood protection priorities in Hutt City.

A separate paper seeking the necessary funding approval, and advising Council on the financial implications of proceeding, is proposed for Council’s next meeting on 8 December 2008.

3.6 Divisional Managers report

There were no major matters arising from the Divisional managers report.

4. Unconfirmed Minutes

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

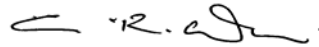
5. Recommendations

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 20 November 2008.