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Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 25 March 2010 - update

1. Purpose

To provide a summary of the Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 25 March 2010.

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. Background

The Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee (HRAS) met on 25 March 2010 and considered four reports.

1. Boulcott/Hutt project update

The purpose of the report was to update the Subcommittee on progress made with the Boulcott/Hutt project. The project has reached a significant milestone with the lodging of the Notice of Requirement (NOR)/Consent applications on 11 March 2010. The public submissions will close on 4 May 2010. A hearing could be expected in June and a decision by July 2010.

It is proposed to complete the construction of the stopbank and the associated works over a period of three years commencing from October 2010. A major part of the stopbank through the golf courses, from Connolly Street to the 18th hole in the Hutt course, is scheduled for completion in the first year.

The project involves:

(1) Extending the existing stopbank between Fairway Drive and Boulcott Street by constructing a further 1,100m of stopbank through the Hutt and Boulcott Golf Courses including golf course landscaping works and any other works necessary for the construction of the stopbank and reinstatement of the golf course features disrupted by construction works.

- (2) Upgrading the existing stopbank between Safeway Storage and Boulcott Street and any associated works.
- (3) Raising and realigning Connolly Street over the upgraded stopbank and any associated works, including removal of the house at 59 Connolly Street.
- (4) Constructing a small bund on the Hutt Golf Course along the boundary of the course and Harcourt Werry Drive.
- (5) Removal of the Boulcott clubrooms and green keepers shed.
- (6) Relocating, replacing and or upgrading stormwater drains, power cables, gas, telecom, sewer and water pipes, property access and associated infrastructure as necessary.

The works involve placing and compacting about 110,000 m3 of fill materials sourced from local quarries and the Hutt River bed in the stopbank and associated works. At this stage, the plan is to have one major contract spread over the three year period for constructing the stopbank and associated works.

Because of the delayed consent process, staff will have to work within a tight time line to appoint a contractor in time to commence the works in October 2010. To achieve this, the process for selecting a contractor has to progress in parallel with the NOR/Consent process. The plan is to commence the public tendering process in May 2010, by inviting 'Registration of Interest' proposals from experienced contractors for the stopbank and associated works. Contractors will be prequalified through this process to tender for the construction contract in July/August 2010. The selected contractor will not be appointed until the NOR/Consents are granted.

2. Hutt River mouth extraction: Resource consent renewal

The purpose of this report was to inform the Subcommittee on works involved and the timeline for renewing the consents and licences for the Hutt River mouth extraction operation. The existing consents expire in May 2011. In November 2009, the HRAS considered the outcomes of the five yearly gravel analysis and recommended the renewal of the extraction consents to continue with the extraction operation. The process for renewing the consents has already commenced and the staff expects to lodge the applications in November 2010. The possibility of including, in this consent, the aggraded area of the Hutt River bed up to the Ewen Bridge will also be investigated through this process.

3. Hutt River Trail User Survey

This was an oral report presented by Jimmy Young of Tourism Resource Consultants. The survey will provide background information on the proposal to widen the Hutt River Channel in the Melling to KGB reach of the Hutt River.

4. Project Manager's Report

This report provided an update on progress made with all HRFMP projects. Of particular note was the completion of Ava to Ewen and Whirinaki Crescent projects, the relocation process for the Waimarie Croquet Club and the process for renewing the River Works Agreement between GW and NZTA for maintaining the Hutt River from Silverstream to Maoribank.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the Subcommittee meeting held on 25 March 2010 is attached.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes of the Subcommittee meeting held on 25 March 2010