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Report to the Hutt Floodplain Management Advisory Committee
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Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan : Project Leader's Report

1. Purpose

To update the Advisory Committee on the status of investigations for the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP).

2. Background

At the 25 May 2000 meeting the Advisory Committee considered:

- A detailed presentation on the draft environmental strategy.
- Non-structural measures workshop outcomes, progress and programme.
- Non-structural measures public involvement outcomes.

At the 29 June meeting, the Advisory Committee will receive reports on:

- Design standard implementation provisions approved by the WRC in their ten year plan "Towards a Greater Wellington" (verbal report).
- Non-structural measures recommendations.
- The Draft Environmental Strategy.

3. HRFMP Project Status

In December 1998, the Advisory Committee endorsed the accelerated HRFMP scope and programme (Report 98.593). The accelerated HRFMP brought forward the plan completion by one year and design standard adoption by three years. A table from report 98.593 outlining the key features of the accelerated project is reproduced below, with comments on investigation status.

	Business Plan 1997/98	Accelerated Plan December 1998	Comments
Estimated Cost	\$1,320,200	\$1,305,300	Current estimate \$1,340,000. Additional investigations costing \$107,000 are complete.
HRFMP Completion Date	June 2002	June 2001	HRFMP completion date remains as June 2001; plan publishing will be in the year 2001/02.
Design Standard	June 2002	June 1999	Completed on target.
Works Priority List	June 2002	June 1999	Completed on target; to be reviewed against social, environmental and demographic criteria.
Planning Measures	June 2002	June 2000	On target.
Commencement of Implementation	July 2003	July 2000	On target.
Complete any District Plan Changes	June 2004	June 2002	To be completed by June 2003.

4. Design Standard Implementation

In June 1999, the Advisory Committee recommended a design standard and a priority list for Hutt River upgrade works. This enabled consideration of the \$2m and \$4m per year Western Region capital spend options through the Regional Council's proposed 2000-2010 ten year plan "Towards a Greater Wellington". Public consultation on the proposed plan is now complete. The Regional Council will approve the ten year plan on 29 June 2000. At the 29 June meeting, the Advisory Committee will receive a verbal report on the HRFMP implementation provisions approved by Council.

The Regional Council publication "Elements" Issue No.3 contained details of both the \$2m per year and \$4m per year implementation options. Advisory Committee members and about 700 other individuals and groups on the HRFMP mailing list received detailed information on the options. Officers also explained the proposed works programmes at the "non-structural measures" public meetings held in Belmont and Birchville.

5. Non-structural Measures

The accelerated HRFMP brought forward recommendation of the non-structural measures by two years to June 2000. Hutt City, Upper Hutt City and Regional Council officers have now developed a suite of non-structural measures appropriate for the Hutt Valley. Report 00.460 details the recommended strategy and measures.

The proposed non-structural measures include recommended district plan policy and provisions, to reduce flood risk to the wider community and to individual properties.

The measures will potentially impose restrictions on properties in the River Corridor and unprotected areas, provide voluntary options for areas currently protected, and ensure that comprehensive emergency management procedures are in place. The public will have further opportunities to make submissions on these measures in:

- April/May 2001 during Floodplain Management Plan, draft final document, consultation.
- Financial Year 2002/03 – currently targeted time for any District Plan changes.

6. **Environmental Strategy**

At the 25 May meeting the Advisory Committee received a comprehensive presentation on the proposed Hutt River Environmental Strategy. Report 00.452 contains the final draft of the environmental strategy for Advisory Committee consideration and endorsement.

The programme for completing the Hutt River Environmental Strategy is:

- Advisory Committee endorse the Strategy 29 June 2000
- Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councils receive and endorse the Strategy with comment July–September 2000
- Review Strategy and incorporate comments October 2000
- Landcare Committee consider and adopt the Strategy November 2000
- Publication and Launch December 2000

7. **Draft Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan**

The Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan will provide a policy and operational framework for managing the flood hazard in the Hutt River and its floodplain. The target dates for plan writing are:

Complete working draft	July – December 2000
Advisory Committee members and Hutt and Upper Hutt City Council officers receive draft plan for comment	End February 2001
Advisory Committee endorse draft plan for public consultation	End March 2001
Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councils received draft plan	April 2001
Public Consultation	April – mid May 2001
Hutt City, Upper Hutt City and public submissions close	mid May 2001
Advisory Committee recommend draft plan for adoption	June 2001
Landcare Committee adopt plan	August 2001
Hutt and Upper Hutt City Councils adopt plan	September 2001
Publish plan	December 2001

8. Recommendation

That the report be received and the contents noted.

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