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## **Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee Summary and Minutes of 10 December 2007 meeting**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide a summary of the key outcomes from the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee (WSAS) meeting held on 10 December 2007.

### **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**

An extraordinary meeting of the WSAS was called before Christmas in order to authorise a full scale trial of the remediation technique proposed for the removal of contaminated sediments in the lower reaches of the Waiwhetu Stream. The confirmed minutes from the meeting are attached to this report.

Three papers were presented to the Subcommittee.

The first paper outlined the approved Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee as approved by Greater Wellington on 29 November 2007 and amended on 5 December 2007.

The second paper recommended that a full scale trial of the remediation technique be undertaken during the summer of 2007/08, at an estimated cost of \$500,000 and that these costs be shared between GW, Hutt City and the Ministry for the Environment. The cost shares being MfE (\$250,000), HCC (\$207,500) and GW (\$42,500).

The last paper presented was the Project Manager's report, which also included a draft project agreement between Hutt City and Greater Wellington.

## **4. Comment**

### **Terms of Reference**

The Subcommittee resolved to note the TOR, and requested that Greater Wellington reconsider the quorum and the provision for alternate members.

The approved TOR provides for a quorum of two councillors (from GW) and one elected representative from Hutt City Council. The Subcommittee has requested that GW change the quorum to two GW councillors and two HCC councillors.

The approved TOR do not allow for the provision of alternate members. The Subcommittee has requested that GW change the TOR to allow for alternate members (as allowed for in the Hutt City Council Standing Orders).

It is recommended that the Catchment Management Committee consider these requests from the Subcommittee and make appropriate recommendations to full Council to consider.

Les Roberts, Chair of the Waiwhetu Stream working group was appointed as a member of the WSAC.

### **Remediation Trial**

This paper was the main order of business for the meeting. The offer of funding from the Ministry for the Environment (\$2.92 M over 3 years), as a contribution to the clean up of heavily contaminated sediments, was formally accepted on 30 November 2007.

The Subcommittee resolved to proceed with a full scale trial of the remediation technique during the summer of 2007/08. The objectives of the trial are to refine the remediation methodology, refine cost estimates and to gain information to support resource consent applications for the full clean up. Work is underway to ensure completion of the trial in late February and March of 2008.

Greater Wellington will provide cashflow financing for up to \$500,000 with cost shares to be recovered from Hutt City and the Ministry for the Environment within the current financial year.

The Subcommittee further requested a timeline for the completion of the full remediation work to be presented at the next WSAS meeting. A date for the next meeting will be set after completion of the trial.

## **5. Communication**

There is considerable community interest in the remediation trial and its outcomes. A communications plan has been prepared to ensure that all stakeholders are kept informed as to the progress and effects of the trial.

## 6. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives*** the report.
2. ***Notes*** the content of the report.
3. ***Considers*** the requests from the Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee to amend the Terms of Reference with respect to the quorum and the provision for alternate members and make recommendations to full council.

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Attachment 1: WSAS R/1, Waiwhetu Stream Advisory Subcommittee, minutes of meeting held on 10 December 2007.