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Committee Environment Committee  
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## Report on the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee meeting of 25 June 2015

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Strategy and Policy Committee of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 24 February 2015.

### 2. Reports

#### 2.1 Project Manager's report

The meeting discussed the impact of the 15 May 2015 flood event in relation to the Korokoro Stream. Graeme Campbell, Manager Flood Protection, advised that the rainfall that occurred exceeded the design capacity of the stream, leading to excess water spreading over the floodplain.

Under the watercourses agreement with local landowners GWRC has agreed to take on responsibility for keeping the lower section of the Korokoro Stream clear of debris and blockages. Mr Campbell advised that the culverts were clear prior to the flood event. The Committee was advised that, to assist in keeping the stream clear of blockages, GWRC will be seeking resource consent for the removal of gravels from under the culverts.

#### 2.2 Pinehaven Floodplain management

The Committee was advised that officers would be seeking a meeting of the Committee in July to enable the outcomes of the independent audit of the Pinehaven flood hazard mapping to be presented to the Committee for consideration, together with the programme for the completion of the Pinehaven Floodplain Management Plan.

Wellington Water, on behalf of UHCC, has commenced investigations which will lead into design and consenting of the Sunbrae Drive culvert replacement.

The purchase of strategic property required for this work is continuing.

UHCC officers are doing preliminary work on a plan change to implement the non-structural outcomes of the Floodplain Management Plan, particularly the flood hazard information. The current programme would have a plan change prepared and consulted on during the 2015-16 financial year and UHCC's preference is to run this process in parallel with a new plan change for Mangaroa.

### **2.3 Hutt River City Centre Project – Options for Consultation**

In a Public Excluded session the Committee considered options for community consultation for the Hutt River City Centre Project. The options considered by the Committee were evaluated using a Multi Criteria Analysis approach taking into account economic, social, environmental and cultural factors.

The project extends from the Kennedy Good Bridge to Ewen Bridge.

## **3. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **3.1 Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

## **4. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

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