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Report on Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee meeting 15 March 2016

1. Purpose

To inform the Environment Committee of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) meeting of 15 March 2016.

2. Reports

2.1 Waingawa River Options Development

The Subcommittee was updated on progress with development of flood and erosion risk management options for the Waingawa River. The Subcommittee was also given an overview of the option review and refinement process.

A range of options for flood and erosion management has been developed. The development of these options has been guided by the vision and aims of the floodplain management plan, and by engagement with the community and Subcommittee.

The options developed have been split into common, catchment-wide options and reach specific options.

The Subcommittee will review and refine the options at a series of workshops with local community members.

The Subcommittee noted that the project's next phase - selecting preferred options - will require balancing interests of the entire community.

2.2 Project Manager's Report

The Subcommittee was updated on the development of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan.

The Subcommittee noted that there have been ongoing discussions between GWRC and MDC on MDC's concerns about the hydrological modelling underpinning GWRC's flood mapping of the urban reach of the Waipoua River. A final version of the hydrology report prepared by MWH has been received by GWRC and MDC. Tonkin and Taylor Ltd have been appointed as peer reviewers for this technical report. The results of this peer review will be reported back to the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee received an update on operations maintenance that have taken place within the project area - Te Ore Ore channel alignment and Dakin's Road erosion maintenance planning. It was noted that officers had received both good and bad feedback regarding the work undertaken at the Te Ore Ore reach of the Ruamahanga River. The Subcommittee noted the difficulty it faced in balancing the interests of all impacted by the works.

The Subcommittee received an update on work being undertaken by the Waitua Committees. It was noted that a gathering between the Ruamahanga Waitua Committee and the Subcommittee will be arranged shortly. The aim of the gathering will be to facilitate knowledge sharing between the two projects.

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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