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## **A G E N D A**

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### **HDC–TANGATA WHENUA WASTEWATER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Date: **Friday, 6 July 2012**

Time: **1.00pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber  
Ground Floor  
Civic Administration Building  
Lyndon Road East  
Hastings**

<b>Committee Members</b>	Chair: Mr T Tareha Mayor Yule Councillors Bradshaw, Heaps, Roil, Twigg and Watkins Messrs P Paku and G Paku and Ms Tatiana Greening
<b>Chief Executive</b>	Ross McLeod
<b>Officer Responsible</b>	Water Services Manager, Brett Chapman
<b>Committee Secretary</b>	Christine Hilton (Ext 5633)

## **Hastings District Council : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee**

This is established between Hastings District Council and representation of Tangata Whenua.

### **Fields of Activity**

To be actively involved in developing the Hastings District Council's wastewater treatment and disposal system policies and, in particular, following a review of wastewater treatment in the light of new technologies and standards that may be introduced in the interim, to make recommendations to the Council so as to remove kupa (human waste) from the waste stream in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 and Policies and Plans under the Act, and in particular, to recognise the role of Tangata Whenua as kaitiaki, and, to satisfy their cultural concerns.

To receive, review and recommend action on wastewater reports.

To recommend the commissioning of reports and future Hastings District Council actions on wastewater issues including:

- Options for further treatments
- Options for methods of disposal
- Monitoring effects on the environment

To coordinate and oversee education of the community on wastewater issues.

### **Membership**

Chairman appointed annually by the Joint Committee from its members annually to alternate between the Council and Tangata Whenua representatives.

5 Councillors appointed by the Council

3 Tangata Whenua representatives nominated by the Heretaunga Maori Executive

2 Tangata Whenua representatives nominated by the Ahuriri Maori Executive

**Quorum** – 6 members including not less than 3 Councillor representatives

### **Delegated Powers**

Recommendation to Council on matters within the Committee Fields of Activity.

The chairperson shall not have a casting vote.

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**1. Apologies**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Watkins.

**2. Conflict of Interest**

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive or Group Manager Corporate & Customer Services (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the HDC – Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee Meeting held 9 March 2012.  
*(Previously circulated)*

- 4. Progress Report on Resource Consent Application and Consultation Plan 1**
- 5. Cultural Impact Assessment Report Presentation 7**
- 6. Additional Business Items**
- 7. Extraordinary Business Items**

**REPORT TO:** HDC–TANGATA WHENUA WASTEWATER JOINT COMMITTEE

**MEETING DATE:** FRIDAY 6 JULY 2012

**FROM:** WASTEWATER MANAGER  
DAVID JAMES

**SUBJECT:** PROGRESS REPORT ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION AND CONSULTATION PLAN

## 1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress with the wastewater consent programme related to re-consenting the treated wastewater discharge into Hawke Bay.
- 1.2 This issue arises as a result of ongoing operational matters that impact on Council's consent compliance and the need to prepare a comprehensive application for a new discharge consent in 2014.
- 1.3 The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose includes the promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities. The Council seeks to meet this obligation and the achievement of community outcomes through the strategic objectives set out in the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan. The matters raised in this report relate to those elements of the strategic objectives identified in the following table.

Strategic Objectives	Achieved By
<p><i>Resources we need</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Mitigation of adverse impacts on people, land and water</i></li> </ul>	<p>Maintaining wastewater treatment that is in compliance with our conditions of consent and minimises environmental impacts.</p>
<p><i>Social and Cultural Wellbeing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Sustainable relationships with Maori</i></li> </ul>	<p>Providing wastewater treatment that achieves environmental and cultural outcomes of importance to Tangata Whenua.</p>

- 1.4 This report concludes by recommending that it be received.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The existing Coastal Discharge Permit expires on 31 March 2014. A detailed wastewater resource consent programme has been developed to ensure that Council has a comprehensive resource consent application ready for submission to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council (HBRC) by September 2013.
- 2.2 The resource consent programme includes twenty four major tasks. These tasks fall into one of the following categories; project management, consultation plan, technical assessments, scientific assessments, cultural impact

assessments and resource consent application. Many of these tasks are currently underway and progressing well.

2.2.1 These tasks all support the preparation of an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) Report. The AEE is the key supporting document of the resource consent application.

2.3 The wastewater treatment plant is operating well and there have been no major issues recently. Minor improvements and maintenance has been carried out at the plant on a routine basis.

2.4 The air discharge consent process has been ongoing and the draft consent conditions are being finalised by the HBRC.

### 3.0 NEW CONSENT APPLICATION

#### 3.1 Consent Programme

3.1.1 The project team has developed a detailed programme of tasks and timeframes to ensure that a comprehensive resource consent application is prepared in time for submission in September 2013. Many tasks are underway and the programme is on track.

3.1.2 **Appendix 1** – Updated WWTP Consent Programme details the various packages of work, progress and tentative completion dates.

#### 3.2 Consultation

3.2.1 An important part of the resource consent process is around consultation. In January we commenced community consultation with advertisements seeking registrations of interest from individuals and groups who wanted to be involved in the process. To date 11 requests have been received as listed below:

Entry Id	First name	Last name	Organisation
1	Wayne	Church	
2	Theresa	Te Whaiti	Hawke's Bay public Health Unit
3	Jennifer	Hartley	The Forest and Bird Society
4	David	Renouf	
5	Vaughn	Cooper	
6	Jennifer	Hartley	Fish & Bird Society
7	Marion	Thomson	Environment Centre HB / Sustaining HB Trust
8	Jeannette	Samundsen	Friis Distributors Ltd
9	Sam	Ballantyne	McCain Foods (NZ) LTD
10	Stephen	Randal	Progressive Leathers Ltd
11	Chantelle	Ramage	Profruit 2006 Limited

3.2.2 A wastewater consent information flyer has been developed and disseminated to the Council's ratepayers.

3.2.3 Information resources for the Consultation Open Day have been prepared including display boards, information sheets and a self guide map of the wastewater treatment plant.

- 3.2.4 Consultation activities and the preparation of a Cultural Impact Assessment Report have also been undertaken. (Note: separate agenda item)
- 3.2.5 A consent programme presentation was made at Council's Trade Waste Forum meeting.
- 3.2.6 The Community Liaison Group (CLG) will continue to be a part of our consultation process. This group is to be reformatted as a smaller stakeholder group comprising representatives from industry, public health, Regional Council, Department of Conservation, mana whenua and the general public. We will also hold additional meetings and invite participation from those individuals that currently attend CLG meetings so that they can be kept informed of progress on the consent application and other matters that may arise.
- 3.2.7 Consultation Open Days at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will take place on:
- Saturday 7 July 2012, 1pm-4pm
  - Wednesday 5 September 2012, 5pm-7pm
  - Saturday 17 November 2012, 1pm to 4pm

### **3.3 Technical Assessments**

- 3.3.1 Technical options assessment are underway that identifies and assesses possible further treatment processes. Further assessment may be undertaken based on feedback from the Open Days.

### **3.4 Scientific Assessments**

- 3.4.1 The following scientific assessments are underway:
- The Biomass Flushing Report is being finalised and should be complete by the end of July 2012
  - The Benthic Survey is also being finalised and should be complete by the end of July 2012.
  - There is ongoing monitoring and assessment of visual colour and clarity impacts on the receiving water.
  - Public Health Risk assessment has been prepared and is currently being reviewed by the DHB before being finalised.
  - Nutrient and chemical assessments and trending analysis is underway.

## **4.0 OPERATIONS AND COMPLIANCE**

- 4.1 The wastewater treatment plant is operating well. There have been no major issues experienced through the recent food processing season which sees the industrial flows through the milliscreens increase significantly.
- 4.2 There have been two occasions where the influent quality has, for short periods, affected the biological process in the BTFs. There is a strong likelihood that the contamination has been caused by methamphetamine by products. The Plant Manager is investigating this further.

- 4.3 Minor improvements and maintenance has been carried out at the plant on a routine basis.
- 4.4 Routine quarterly monitoring is currently being carried out.
- 4.5 Council's annual operations and compliance report is being prepared and will be presented at the next TWWJC meeting.

#### **5.0 DISCHARGE TO AIR CONSENT**

- 5.1 The discharge to air consent process has been ongoing. HBRC held a reconvened prehearing meeting in Clive on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Following this meeting and feedback from submitters the HBRC has prepared draft consent conditions. The air discharge consent has a duration of 25 years, expiring in 2037.

#### **6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS**

**That the report of the Wastewater Manager titled "Progress Report on Resource Consent Application and Consultation Plan" dated 6/07/2012 be received.**

#### **Attachments:**

- 1 Wastewater Consent Programme PRJ12-3-0007



ID	Task Name	Duration	Start
1	HDC WASTEWATER CONSENT PROGRAMME	517.94 days?	Mon 17/10/11
2	PROJECT AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT TASKS-ONGOING	500 days	Tue 1/11/11
133	PROJCT START UP AND PLANNING	43 days?	Wed 16/11/11
141	CONSULTATION PROCESS	446 days?	Thu 1/12/11
142	Consultation Strategy Development (Task 6)	80 days	Mon 19/12/11
143	Briefing of HDC Comms Team	10 days	Mon 02/02/12
144	Consultation Programme Development	30 days	Thu 5/01/12
145	Planning and development of consultation tools and resources	152 days	Thu 1/12/11
148	Consultation Programme Implementation (Task 7)	434 days?	Mon 19/12/11
149	Consent Notification and registration of interest	5 days	Mon 23/01/12
150	Key Stakeholder Consultation	320 days	Wed 1/02/12
155	CLG Meetings (Annual mtg at least)	405 days	Fri 27/01/12
161	Info flyer distribution	5 days	Mon 29/05/12
162	WWTP Open Days	190 days?	Mon 9/07/12
163	Other consultation activities and events	195 days?	Mon 2/07/12
164	Consultation Activities/Events Register	1 day?	Mon 19/12/11
165	ASSESSMENTS	399.94 days?	Mon 17/10/11
166	Coastal Recreational and Commercial Survey (Task 10)	389 days	Tue 1/11/11
177	Legislative Framework and Planning Instrument Assessment (Task 9)	107 days	Mon 19/12/11
184	Technical Assessments	294.94 days	Mon 17/10/11
185	Future Wastewater Requirements (IPUDS) (Task 11)	93.94 days	Mon 23/01/12
188	Technical Alternatives Assessment (Task 12)	289.94 days	Mon 17/10/11
198	Scientific Assessments	144.94 days	Mon 13/02/12
199	Oceanographics 30/06/2012 (Task 13)	144.94 days	Mon 13/02/12
201	Mixing Zones 30/06/2012 (Task 14)	144.94 days	Mon 13/02/12
205	Flushing Cycle 30/06/2012 (Task 15)	144.94 days	Mon 13/02/12
207	Ocean Water Quality (Task 17)	235.31 days	Mon 17/10/11
210	Benthic Survey (Task 18)	229.94 days	Mon 17/10/11
213	Sampling and Monitoring Trends Assessment	60 days	Mon 9/07/12
214	Technical Team Workshop	1 day	Thu 26/07/12
215	Interim Scientific Report	40 days	Mon 1/10/12
216	Public Health Risk Assessment (Task 16)	229.94 days	Mon 17/10/11
221	Cultural Impact Assessment (Task 20)	224.06 days	Mon 23/01/12
224	Four Well-Being Assessment (Task 21)	132.19 days	Mon 2/07/12
227	Environmental Effects Assessment/Coastal Discharge (Task 22)	292.88 days?	Mon 19/12/11
234	ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT (AEE) DOCUMENTATION (TASK 23)	105 days	Fri 1/02/13
239	Report on proposed scheme for which consent sought to TWWA/Council	60 days	Wed 6/02/13
240	Comments sought and report revision	30 days	Wed 1/05/13
241	TWWA/Council signoff	1 day?	Wed 31/07/13
242	Final work on AEE and Consent Application	50 days	Thu 1/08/13
243	CONSENT APPLICATION LODGEMENT(TASK 24)	61 days?	Tue 9/07/13
246	STATUTORY RESOURCE CONSENT PROCESS UNDER RMA (TASK 25)	1.94 days?	Tue 1/10/13
250	AIR DISCHARGES – CONSENT(TASK 19)	0 days	Mon 23/01/12



**REPORT TO:** HDC–TANGATA WHENUA WASTEWATER JOINT  
COMMITTEE

**MEETING DATE:** FRIDAY 6 JULY 2012

**FROM:** WASTEWATER MANAGER  
DAVID JAMES

**SUBJECT:** CULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT  
PRESENTATION

## 1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress made with the preparation of a Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) and to present the final draft report.
- 1.2 The CIA forms an important part of the Wastewater Consent Programme and will feed into the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) Report. The AEE is the key supporting document for the wastewater discharge consent application that will be submitted to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council in September 2013.
- 1.3 The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose includes the promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities. The Council seeks to meet this obligation and the achievement of community outcomes through the strategic objectives set out in the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan. The matters raised in this report relate to those elements of the strategic objectives identified in the following table.

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- 2.2 These tasks all support the preparation of a comprehensive Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) Report. The AEE is the key supporting document of the resource consent application.
- 2.3 This report focuses on the Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) task.
- 2.4 Mr Bayden Barber of Ipurangi Developments Ltd was commissioned to prepare the CIA.
- 2.5 The objectives of this CIA are:
- 2.5.1 To identify and consult with key Maori stakeholders.
- 2.5.2 To document the cultural significance of the area within which the proposed activity will occur, namely the discharge of wastewater from the wastewater treatment plant into the sea, including specific cultural values that may be affected.
- 2.5.3 To identify the potential effects (both favourable and adverse) on cultural values of the proposed activity.
- 2.5.4 To identify appropriate measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate, where practical, any adverse effects of the proposed activity on cultural values.
- 2.6 The Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee has been consulted with as part of the CIA and the Committee will have further opportunity to review the draft CIA report and submit comment before the report is finalised.

### 3.0 CIA PROGRESS

- 3.1 The CIA programme is summarised below:
- 3.1.1 Consultation meetings and workshops with key stakeholders.
- 3.1.2 Workshop with Hastings District Council Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee (TWWJC) by 20 June 2012.
- 3.1.3 Draft CIA report, provided to Hastings District Council by 28 June 2012.
- 3.1.4 Final draft report presented the Project Control Group and the TWWJC on the 6 July 2012.
- 3.1.5 The final CIA report, incorporating comments from Joint Committee, Project Control Group and Project Team shall be submitted to Hastings District Council by 30 July 2012.
- 3.2 CIA consultation has taken place with:

31 May 2012	Marei Apatu/ Dale Moffat, Manaaki Taiao Unit, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga
3 June 2012	Matahiwi Marae Committee
7 June 2012	Jenny Mauger RCN, BSc (Mar Zoo) MSc(Biol.Sc), GradDipAppSc(Aqua-culture)
13 June 2012	Waipatu Marae Committee

14 June 2012	Nga Kairauhii Trust Board Meeting
18 June 2012	Kohupatiki Marae Committee
20 June 2012	Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee
21 June 2012	Te Rūnanganui o Heretaunga
TBC	Ruahapia Marae Committee

#### **4.0 CIA FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 CIA findings and recommendations will be presented by the consultant at the TWWJC meeting on 6 July 2012.

#### **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS**

**That the report of the Wastewater Manager titled “Cultural Impact Assessment Report Presentation” dated 6/07/2012 be received.**

**Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.