



#### 4. HEATHCOTE VALLEY WATERWAYS, WETLANDS AND DRAINAGE SCHEME

A report from the Team Leader, Water Environmental, City Solutions, sought consideration and feedback on the proposed waterways, wetlands and drainage scheme that will facilitate future development within the Heathcote Valley and the establishment of a formal cost-sharing scheme to fund the proposal.

The Board **decided** to provide the following feedback on the scheme to the Parks, Gardens and Walkways Committee.

The Board questioned the use of detention tanks, the apportionment of costs, the contribution to landscaping and consultation with tangata whenua. In particular, the Board considered that any new housing development in the area should have to have personal retention tanks which could be used for garden irrigation etc to help alleviate water shortages over a dry summer.

The Board **decided** to recommend to the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee:

1. That a Heathcote Valley Cost Sharing Area be established pursuant to Section 283 of the Local Government Act 1974 to finance the upgrading of the drainage system.
2. That the area shown on the plan attached as the Heathcote Valley Drainage Cost Sharing Area be approved.
3. That a requirement for cost contribution as described in this report be imposed as a condition of all future subdivision consents, and building consents for dwellings and other premises within existing subdivisions.
4. That developers within the catchment be advised of the Council's decision.

And that the Parks and Waterways Manager:

5. Explore with Financial Service Managers, alternative funding mechanisms for cost-sharing schemes to ease the capital funding burden on the Council.
6. Advise the Budget Review Sub-committee of the capital expenditure commitments associated with this scheme.