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Committee Environment
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Divisional Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress of the Environment Division and about any matters that have arisen since the Committee's last meeting.

2. Managers' Reports

The Department Managers' Reports, along with the Divisional Accountant's report follow as attachment 1.

3. Environment Division Strategic Planning

The Division's management team had a strategic planning "day away" on Tuesday, 15 July 2003. We wanted to look at our work programmes and ensure that we have the processes in place to be able to deliver on, and report progress with, the "Take 10" targets. We also needed to set some priorities for the Division that may not be directly related to the targets.

I will give a verbal report at the meeting.

4. Water Supply Issue

At its last meeting, the Committee resolved:

That an information paper on water supply issues in the recent drought period, particularly in relation to supply to additional local authorities, will be prepared.

On reflection, this matter should be more properly addressed by the Utility Services Committee. It is important that we have a clear separation of Council's supply and regulatory functions. Consequently, after discussion with the Chair of the Environment Committee, I have asked the Utility Services Division to prepare a report for the next meeting of the Utility Services Committee.

5. Dairy and Clean Streams Accord

Representatives from Fonterra are coming to talk to staff on 25 July 2003. We hope to gain a better understanding of the implications for this Council and, after the meeting, we will see how we can best organise ourselves to meet any demands of the Accord.

6. End of Year

When reflecting on the financial year gone by, I am delighted to see how well the Division is taking on the “community connections” way of working.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those staff who so willingly give up their evenings and weekends to work with the community. It is much appreciated.

7. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. receive the report; and*
- 2. note the contents.*

Report approved by:

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