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## Acting 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. Significance of the decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Managers' reports

The Department Managers' reports, along with the Divisional Accountant's report follow as **Attachment 1**.

### 4. Resource Management Act Amendment

The Resource Management Bill No. 5 was passed by Parliament on 3 August 2005. The Act was to receive royal assent on 8 August and have effect from 9 August.

A substantial Supplementary order Paper was tabled with amendments to the version of the Bill that was reported back by the Select Committee. A report on the amendments and their consequence for us will be prepared for the next Committee meeting.

### 5. Resource Management Law Association Conference

The Resource Management Law Association Conference is being held in Christchurch on 6-8 October 2005. The theme of the conference is Canterbury Tales, Essays on Urban Environment. A copy of the conference programme is attached for your information as Attachment 2.

In the past, Councillors have expressed an interest in attending this conference. The meeting may like to consider whether any members wish to attend the 2005 conference.

## 6. **Owhiro Stream Planting**

On 22 July Environment Division staff took time out to do restoration planting on the banks of Owhiro Stream. This is the third time we have undertaken this work, with by far the best weather!

The work is funded by donations made, in lieu of fines, by Anglian Water International and Allied Concrete following prosecutions for breaches of the Resource Management Act.

## 7. **Recommendations**

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

1. *receive the report;*
2. *note the contents; and*
3. *decide on Councillor attendance at the Resource Management Law Association's 2005 conference.*

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**Attachment 1:** Department Managers' Reports

**Attachment 2:** Resource Management Law Association 2005 conference programme