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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. New Zealand Planning Institute Conference

The NZ Planning Conference is being held in Auckland on 27-30 April 2005. The conference is based around the theme of "Pushing the Boundaries". The conference programme is attached.

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.

4. New Manager, Consents Management

Nigel Corry took up the position of Manager, Consents Management on 10 January 2005. I'd like to welcome him formally back to the Council. Nigel was previously an Account Manager in the Department until he moved to Wellington City Council to carry out their strategic and annual planning. His transition back to Greater Wellington has been smooth and it feels as if Nigel never left us!

5. Funding received

We have been successful in obtaining the following funds from the Ministry for the Environment's Contaminated Sites Fund: \$70,000 for the Waiwhetu Stream and \$24,000 for assessing the Bentley Street gasworks site in Masterton. The Waiwhetu Stream work will be the subject of a Councillors' workshop on 23 February 2005.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Department Managers' Reports