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Divisional Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress and any matters that have arisen since the previous meeting.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision 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. Background

The Department Managers' update reports are attached.

4. Divisional matters

LTCCP Consultation

Dave Cameron, Jim Flack and the writer have accompanied Cr Buchanan to eight consultation meetings in late March and early April. Five of the meetings were co-organised with the Wairarapa Hill Country advisory Committee. At the rural meetings, discussions focussed on WRECI and Bovine Tb funding, expansion of the Akura Conservation Centre and implementation of the proposed regional possum / predator control programme. There was unanimous support for all initiatives at the hill country meetings.

Meetings were also held in Greytown and Masterton, providing an opportunity for engagement with urban ratepayers. A specific meeting was held with members of Sustainable Wairarapa.

Divisional Staff Workshop

A workshop for all Catchment Management staff was held at Tauherenikau on 13 February. The major task for the day was to focus on five challenges:

- Doing more for less
- Working sustainably – economically, socially and environmentally
- Biodiversity – how can we do better?
- How can we work more effectively with other Divisions & Departments?
- Opportunities for working outside existing silos?

Team brainstorming resulted in a number of excellent ideas being reported back. These have been prioritised and small inter department teams are now working on identifying possible solutions.

Appointment of new Biosecurity Manager

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Davor Bejakovich as the replacement manager for the Biosecurity Department.

Davor is currently in a management position with Fish & Game NZ in North Canterbury. From 1995 to 2004 Davor worked with MAF rising to the position of National Manager, Forest Pest Surveillance and Response.

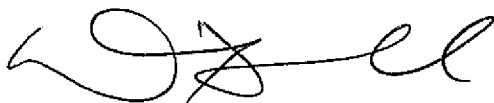
Davor has an MSc in ecology and has completed five years of study towards a PhD in zoology. Davor will start with GW on 25th May.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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- Attachment 1: Department Managers' report**
Attachment 2: Financial report
Attachment 3: Didymo awareness campaign (enclosed separately)