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Group report for year ended 31 August 2010

1. Group performance

As financial information was unavailable for August 2010, this report only includes up to 31 July 2010. The report includes information on activities that occurred after 31 August 2010.

1.1 Strategic

On 1 September Greater Wellington announced it had received an option to purchase land at Kaitoke and would be investigating using it for a water storage lake. At this stage referred to as Lake 3. At 5000ML the lake would be 50% larger than the combined total of the Stuart Macaskill lakes at Te Marua. From an environmental perspective it seems to be better than the Whakatikei dam site, the current preferred site when more storage is required. Engineering and other detailed investigations at Kaitoke will take up to 12 months.

1.2 Parks

This winter has seen major plantings in the parks with the help of many volunteers, supported by GW staff. In the Manager's report there are details about the desirability of undertaking some restoration work at Whitireia Park starting very shortly. Expenditure for 2010/11 was budgeted on the assumption a joint governance arrangement with Ngati Toa Rangitira would be formalised this financial year. This is yet to occur. Progress is being made and a report will be considered at the Council meeting on 28 September. However, approval is sought for park expenditure before the governance structure is formalised.

1.3 Marketing and Design

The annual report for Greater Wellington Water will be submitted to the Council at the end of September. A draft was not ready in time for the committee meeting.

For the year ended 30 June 2010 water sales at 52,939 ML were the lowest for 10 years. An indifferent 2009/10 summer with cooler temperatures and regular rainfall no doubt contributed to this. However, the per capita consumption trend

continues to progress downward as will be seen when the annual report is published.

1.4 Water Supply

Placing the Wainuiomata water treatment plant in standby mode for the winter has so far been effective with staff released for additional maintenance work and gaining experience at the other water treatment plants.

There are a number of options to consider following the failure of one of the three Gear Island wells. It is most likely though it will be recommended the treatment plant is retained as a standby facility.

1.5 Development and Strategy

After several years of study and considerable consultation, Greater Wellington is now in a position to apply for a resource consent to reduce the minimum flow at the Kaitoke weir. This will be for a period of three years in order to improve the security of supply while seismic enhancement work is carried out on the Stuart Macaskill lakes. A separate report outlines the proposal.

Placing rock buttressing on the existing lake embankments is the first stage of the seismic enhancement work. Tenders are expected before the Council's first business meeting following the elections. As the work spans two financial years a report will be prepared for Council on 28 September seeking delegation for tender acceptance.

1.6 Emergency Management

A separate report provides information from the community preparedness survey. While progress is being made on some aspects it is disappointing the percentage of households with water storage is not increasing. How to change this is an aspect that will be looked at.

2. Financial results for the year ended 31 July 2010

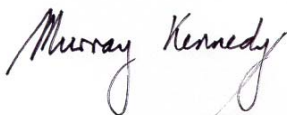
Last year Year to date Actual \$000s		Year to date Actual \$000s	This year Full year Forecast \$000s	Full year Budget \$000s
	Water Supply			
2,202	Income	2,300	27,810	27,810
(2,250)	Expenditure	(2,368)	(29,491)	(29,491)
(48)	Operating surplus (deficit)	(68)	(1,681)	(1,681)
205	Operations	12	181	181
(193)	Assets and Compliance	(90)	(1,862)	(1,862)
(60)	Support	10	-	-
(48)	Operating surplus (deficit)	(68)	(1,681)	(1,681)
	Parks			
541	Income	506	6,260	6,260
(443)	Expenditure	(427)	(6,673)	(6,673)
98	Operating surplus (deficit)	79	(413)	(413)
	Emergency Management			
65	Income	70	881	881
(60)	Expenditure	(61)	(881)	(881)
5	Operating surplus (deficit)	9	-	-

3. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Approves the expenditure in 2010/11 of up to \$70,000 in Whitireia Park before a new governance structure is in place.***
4. ***Approves continued farming on the Waitangirua farm, Belmont Regional Park until 2016.***

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Attachment 1

Parks, Marketing and Design, Water Supply, Development and Strategy, and Emergency Management reports for the period ended 31 August 2010

Attachment 2

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, Sustainable Land Management Plan