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Report to the Environment Committee
from Dr Jane Bradbury, Divisional Manager, Environment

Divisional Manager's Report

1. Purpose

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

2. Managers' Reports

The Department Managers' reports and the Divisional Accountant's report are attached.

3. Sustainable Communities and Local Agenda 21

I have just returned from England after attending a British Council international seminar on *Sustainable Communities and Local Agenda 21*.

The seminar was very relevant to what this Council is doing with its Long-Term Financial Strategy and I hope that I have an opportunity to talk to all Councillors about it.

Interestingly the idea of sustainable communities is well accepted in England and the word *sustainable* is part of the vernacular. In my opinion that is not the case in New Zealand - perhaps because we don't face the same kind or degree of pressures currently facing other parts of the world. However, trends tell us that we could be heading in the same direction.

We have the prime opportunity now to ensure that we don't make the same mistakes in New Zealand. I hope that this Council can contribute in some way to a *Sustainable Wellington Region*.

4. **Recommendation**

That the reports from the Divisional Manager, the Departmental Managers and the Divisional Accountant be received.

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Attachments