

**Report** 04.527  
**Date** 1 September 2004  
**File** O/02/01/10

**Committee** Utility Services  
**Author** David Benham Divisional Manager, Utility Services

## Divisional Report

### 1. Purpose

To

- Comment on the Utility Services Division financial performance for the twelve months ended 30 June 2004.
- Receive the attached activity reports to July 2004 (Attachment 1).
- Outline various areas of interest or activity.

### 2. Divisional Financial Performance for 12 Months Ended 30 June 2004

A comprehensive report of the years activities was provided in the previous agenda item.

### 3. Meetings Held by Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry for the Environment (MfE)

Staff attended meetings convened by MoH on the proposed new Drinking Water Standards and MfE on a proposed system for the classification of catchments that provide source water for drinking purposes. I think it would be fair to say that there is considerable discomfort with both proposals generally across New Zealand and specifically ourselves. Neither proposal has been finally formulated and we continue to provide our views to both Ministries. Once both proposals are finalised, we will provide the Committee with our views and implications for us and proposed responses.

### 4. Recommendation

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

Report prepared by:

**David Benham**  
Divisional Manager, Utility Services

**Attachment 1:** Utility Services Division's Activity Report to 31 July 2004