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## **Review of Capital Works Programme 2004/05 Up to April '05**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide the Committee with additional information on the Capital Works Programme before the rebudgeting process is considered at a meeting of the Finance, Policy and Strategy Committee.

### **2. Significance of the Decision**

The matters 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**

Over the past few years the annual capital expenditure on water supply infrastructure has ranged between \$3-5M. The budget for the current year is \$5.3M but this will not now be spent for a number of reasons.

### **4. Review of Key Projects for 2004/05**

#### **4.1 Relocation of the Kaitoke Main Between SH2 and SH58**

The pipes for this project have been delivered and it was expected the construction work would have started well before the end of the financial year. However, the best route involves going through a Transpower site and a number of planning issues have arisen related to the earlier expansion of Transpower's facilities. While these have been resolved it is now expected that tenders will close for the work in early June. Although the work is behind schedule, using the Transpower site results in savings compared with choosing one of the other longer options. The total cost of this project, spread over three years, is expected to be \$1.84M. Under expenditure in the current year will amount to \$0.2M.

## **4.2 Karori Pumping Station**

There was delay in obtaining City Council approval for the site which is on Road Reserve, and also the firm of consulting engineers who designed the work suffered various resource constraints. The construction contract has been let for the pumping station. Because of delays, a sum of \$0.39M will need to be rebudgetted for the next financial year.

## **4.3 Point Howard Pumping Station**

This is a similar situation to Karori except that the pumping station is on private land. The pumps have been ordered and are expected to arrive before the end of the financial year but construction on site is not expected to begin until the 2005/06 year. Accordingly a sum of \$0.245M is to be rebudgetted.

## **4.4 Seismic Pipeline Repair Stocks**

A significant amount of repair pipeline and couplings are already stored for an earthquake event. It was recognised though that additional repair stocks were probably needed. Lack of resources having prevented completion of this project. A sum of \$0.2M is to be rebudgetted for 2005/06. Also discussions with Watercare may allow rationalisation of future stock levels.

## **4.5 Silverstream Bridge Pipe Replacement**

Based on information received two years ago, provision was made for replacing the pipeline on the Silverstream road bridge. which is jointly owned by Upper Hutt and Hutt City Council, following a planned upgrade. A delay in Transfund New Zealand providing funding for the bridge work has meant that the previously scheduled work will not now take place this year. Funds have been allocated to the city councils and it is expected that the bridge will be upgraded and the pipeline replaced next year. The sum of \$0.14M is to be rebudgetted for 2005/06.

## **4.6 Wainuiomata Lower Dam Refurbishment**

A sum of \$0.3M has been allocated for this in the current year. However, as detailed in a separate report, it is proposed that the work is deferred until 2006/07. This does not involve rebudgetting now, rather it is included in a future capital works programme.

## **5. Summary**

In summary the preliminary sum to be rebudgetted from 2004/05 to 2005/06 for the above projects, and some other minor projects, is \$1.38M. While Utility Services staff are disappointed in the amount to be rebudgetted, it comes about from a number of factors mostly outside the control of Utility Services Division. Additional information on the capital works projects for the current year, until 30 April 2005 are included in Attachment 1.

## 6. Recommendation

*It is recommended that the Committee receives this report and notes its content.*

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### **Attachment**

Additional information on capital works projects for the current year until 30 April 2005