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Divisional Manager's Report – Water Supply, Parks and Forests

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress of the Parks and Marketing Departments since the Committee's last 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. Managers' Reports

The Department Managers' Reports are attached.

4. Comment

Tony Shaw has taken up the position of Manager, Engineering Services. This is the final appointment of my direct reports as part of the structuring of the new division. While most of the work carried out by the Engineering Services is associated with Water Supply, there is some capital expenditure for the Parks and management of Parks infrastructure assets.

At the last meeting of the Landcare Committee approval was given to construct a facility for use by a horse riding concessionaire at Queen Elizabeth Park. This issue is not entirely settled as some community groups are not satisfied with this outcome. A verbal update will be given at the Committee Meeting.

With regard to strategic issues there is still some uncertainty as to when the Department of Conservation will be able to ask the Greater Wellington Regional Council to take over the management and control of Whitireia Park. With the Whareroa Farm, it is still expected to be some months before the Department of Conservation will be in a position to ask this council whether or not it wants to take over management of the farm.

Progress is being made on agreeing a governance structure with the Department of Conservation for a possible Wairarapa Wetlands Park.

The Belmont Park Plan was put on hold during the Waitangirua farm purchase process. Now that this is settled, the new Park Plan process can be restarted. Submissions will be called for from the public and interested parties in about two weeks.

Since the last committee meeting I attended meetings of the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park group and the Paekakariki Community Board.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Parks Manager's Reports for period ending 8 September 2006

Attachment 2: Marketing Manager's Report for period ending 8 September 2006