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## **Divisional Report for period ending 31 October 2006**

### **1. Purpose**

To:

- Comment on items of interest/note.
- Receive the attached activity reports for September and October 2006 (Attachment 1).

### **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. Divisional Performance (Water and Plantation Forestry)**

#### **3.1 Greater Wellington Water**

Monthly water consumption is now back to a level similar to the same period last year following pipe repairs carried out earlier this year by Wellington City Council. Although consumption since 1 April to the end of October is 4.4 percent higher than for the same period last year, consumption has reduced over the last two months.

Informal advice from the Hutt Valley District Health Board indicates that the Te Marua Water Treatment Plant will be awarded an A1 grading, subject to peer review of the assessment. Formal confirmation of this decision is expected in November.

Consent applications have been lodged and Tenders called for the drilling of exploratory bores to confirm the quantity of water available from the Upper Hutt aquifer.

A multi-criteria analysis workshop is planned to be held with Councillors on 29 November to decide what attributes should be considered, and their relative weighting for the preferred storage dam location. Similar workshops have been held with Greater Wellington Regional Council staff and water supply customers.

The water pipeline from the Orongorongo Valley to the Wainuiomata Water Treatment Plant is still out of service after being buried and damaged by a landslip last May. The damaged section of pipe has been excavated and removed. Twenty-four metres of new pipe will be flown in and installed as soon as weather conditions allow.

Replacement motor mounting stools for the Kelburn pumps have been received from the manufacturer as a solution to the vibration problem. These will be installed in November and the pumps commissioned. The performance of the pumps will be monitored over a three month period.

A submission was made to the Parliamentary Select Committee hearing submissions on the Health Drinking Water Bill.

Over the years, the way laboratories operate has changed. The trend is to larger laboratories using better technical equipment with a consequent improvement in productivity. Also, the new Drinking Water Standards allow continuous monitoring as an alternative to sampling and then laboratory testing. This means that GW's Laboratory appears to be no longer competitive. The Laboratory staff have been consulted about closing the Laboratory and tendering the work. Their responses are still being evaluated.

### 3.2 Forestry

Year to date, Metro Forestry tonnage at the end of October was 24,637 tonnes. This is well on the way to achieving the goal of 70,000 tonnes a year.

## 4. Financial

Last Year to Date		Year to Date Actual \$000s	Year to Date Budget \$000s	Year End Forecast \$000s	Year End Budget \$000s
	<b>Water Supply</b>				
9,036	Income	9,074	9,061	27,245	27,245
8,613	Expenditure	8,943	9,800	28,684	29,264
<b>423</b>	<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>(739)</b>	<b>(1,439)</b>	<b>(2,019)</b>
316	Operations	79	-	-	-
308	Strategy and Asset	705	-	580	-
(229)	Support Services	(687)	(745)	(2,043)	(2,043)
12	Engineering Consultancy	28	9	31	31
16	Laboratory Services	6	(3)	(7)	(7)
<b>423</b>	<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>(739)</b>	<b>(1,439)</b>	<b>(2,019)</b>
	<b>Plantation Forestry</b>				
1,483	Income	1,694	1,686	7,693	7,693
1,492	Expenditure	2,396	2,306	6,913	6,913
<b>(9)</b>	<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(702)</b>	<b>(620)</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>780</b>

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receive the report.***
2. ***Note the content of the report.***

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**Attachment 1:** Water Supply, Engineering Services, Forestry, Marketing and Design and Laboratory Reports to 31 October 2006