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Wainuiomata Mainland Island Strategic Plan 2006-2016

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of the completion of the Wainuiomata Mainland Island Strategic Plan 2006-2016. This project is one of the major interdivisional Biodiversity projects currently underway.

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. Background

In 2004 an area of 1200 hectares within the Wainuiomata River catchment was defined for an intensive restoration project, or “mainland island” and funding provided through the LTCCP. This area, like the wider area of the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Collection Area, is owned by Greater Wellington and contains some of the best un-logged native forest in the lower North Island.

In the past two years, following the catchment-wide 1080 drop in 2005, grid lines with traps and bait stations have been established across the mainland island. These are serviced on a regular basis. In addition, the completion of the ungulate fence has secured the north and west boundaries of the site.

4. Purpose of the Strategic Plan

Based on the vision to “*Maintain and restore the Wainuiomata Mainland Island to a healthy functioning state and sustain those ecological processes that support its indigenous biodiversity, whilst maintaining a pure, clean water source*” the plan sets out a goal and a series of objectives for the mainland island over a 10 year period. A copy of the Plan is included as a separate document.

The plan confirms the primacy of the water supply function of the area, with all proposed activities and developments to be within this overall constraint.

The document will guide the cross-divisional project for this period and inform the next LTCCP discussions.

5. Communication

The Wainuiomata Mainland Island is within an active water supply catchment area. Access to the site is strictly managed under the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan. This strategic plan is essentially an internal document to guide the ecological management of a defined part of the Wainuiomata River catchment and it has not been necessary to carry out a consultation process in the preparation of the plan.

Progress with the development of the mainland island will be regularly reported through Committees.

Successes resulting from the implementation the plan will be communicated to the public as milestones are reached.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee recommends that Council:

1. ***Receives the report; and***
2. ***Notes the content.***

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Attachment 1: Wainuiomata Mainland Island Strategic Plan 2006-2016