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## **Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting 7 September 2011**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee that took place on 7 September 2011.

### **2. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **3. Report**

#### **3.1 Water Supply Annual report**

The Committee sought clarification on the issue of rainwater storage and whether or not there are constraints on installing tanks on residential land. Following a previous workshop officers are investigating rainwater storage for emergencies which is to be the topic of a separate report to the Committee. Officers are also working with Territorial Authorities on education and encouragement on the wider issue of rainwater storage as well as conservation issues.

Officers drew the Committee's attention to the new water conservation resource 'Turning on the Tap' that is to be sent out to schools. Schools in Wairarapa and Kapiti may also benefit from the promotion of this resource although it is not going directly to them at this stage.

The Committee noted that many factors influence changes in water demand levels.

#### **3.2 Year end review**

In response to the matter raised in public participation the Committee discussed heritage issues in Queen Elizabeth Park. There is a large amount of public support and willingness to contribute to the immediate practical work which

can begin on upgrading certain aspects of the park related to the Marines anniversary celebrations. Heritage issues within the park have been identified by officers as needing some consideration. Members agreed that it was necessary to consult with iwi on proposed activities within the park.

The Committee noted the content of the year end reviews of the Utilities and Services Group and Strategy and Community Engagement Group.

### **3.3 General Managers' report**

The snow storms that occurred between 14 and 16 August caused some disruption to the operation of the water supply system. While some reservoir levels were affected, the system recovered with 36 hours.

## **4. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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