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Report to the Utility Services Committee
from David Benham, Divisional Manager, Utility Services

Divisional Report

1. Purpose

- To comment on the Utility Services Division's performance for the four months ended 31 October 1999.
- To outline various other relevant areas of interest or activity.
- To receive the attached activity reports to 31 October 1999 (Attachment 1).

2. Divisional Performance for 4 Months Ended 31 October 1999

The overall position for the 4 months to date is looking pretty healthy with a \$814,000 better than budget surplus position in water supply. Our surplus position is better than at the same stage last year even with reduced levy income of \$336,000. This represents significant savings, however, I suspect some of this will be just timing.

Plantation Forestry is also showing a surplus better than budget of \$39,000 which is encouraging.

While the position does look good I do caution reading too much into these early results as our new financial system beds in.

We have not reported capital expenditure specifically at this stage as some of the reports are causing some problems but we are confident that the projects are proceeding to schedule with no budget problems.

The summarised financial position is as follows:

Last Year Actual \$000s		Year to Date Actual \$000s	Year to Date Budget \$000s	Year End Forecast \$000s	Year End Budget \$000s
Water Supply					
10,995.0	Income	10,479	10,516	31,548	31,548
9,411.1	Expenditure	8,809	9,661	28,882	28,882
1,583.9	Operating Surplus	1,670	855	2,666	2,666
182.9	Operations	524	(37)	18	18
318.5	Strategy and Assets	217	-	-	-
997.8	Support Services	834	821	2,464	2,464
41.5	Engineering Consultancy	61	27	65	65
43.2	Laboratory Services	34	44	119	119
1,583.9	Operating Surplus	1,670	855	2,666	2,666
Plantation Forestry					
215.9	Income	1,362	543	1,907	1,907
476.2	Expenditure	1,277	498	1,447	1,447
(260.3)	Operating Deficit	84	45	460	460

3. Christmas Greetings

As this is our last meeting before Christmas can I wish you, and your families, a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I trust you have a relaxing break and return revived for what looks to be another demanding year.

The Utility Services barbeque at Mabey Road Depot is to be held on Friday, 17 December, to which you are all cordially invited (invites will follow!).

My particular thanks for your valued support and advice during the year as we traversed a number of tricky issues. I suspect next year will be little different.

4. **Recommendation**

That this report be received and contents noted.

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Attachment 1: Monthly Reports for Period Ended 31 October 1999