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Divisional Manager's report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress of the Environment Management Division and about any matters that have arisen since the Committee's last meeting.

2. Managers' reports

The Department Managers' reports, along with the Divisional Accountant's report follow as **Attachment 1**.

3. Stormwater Plan of Action

Over the last few months, we have been putting considerable effort into reinvigorating the development of the Stormwater Action Plan. Meetings with all territorial authorities have been held to review an issues and options paper previously prepared by Greater Wellington, and to focus more specifically on how these issues and options can be developed into a coherent plan of action. We are very aware that to make the Stormwater Action Plan an effective document, we need to have engaged successfully with all territorial authorities and this is where much effort has been spent. We have also been exploring, as part of this work, the concept of giving territorial authorities enhanced enforcement powers to act on behalf of Greater Wellington, in certain circumstances. At this stage, it is anticipated that we will present a draft Stormwater Action Plan to the Environment Committee for consideration around March 2007.

4. Wind Energy – Puketiro and other issues

Murray Kennedy and I met recently with the Porirua City Council officers to discuss the development of the Puketiro Wind farm proposal, and more holistically, the approach that the Greater Wellington was taking in relation to the development of the wind resource across the region. This is an issue which is increasingly occupying the minds of Porirua City Council, in particular, as they look at how they might manage wind farm development in their city from both a regulatory and strategic sense. It is generally agreed that there is a need

to develop a strategy around the development of the wind resource in the region. To this end, we are investigating a wind map which will provide an initial assessment of the potential wind resource across the region. This work would in turn form the basis for further discussion with local authorities as to how to best manage the development of wind energy into the future in an integrated manner.

5. Regional Policy Statement Review

As agreed at the last meeting of the Committee, Tami Woods is presenting a paper on progress around the Regional Policy Statement Review, and will continue to do so on a regular basis to keep you up-to-date with progress. This paper will then be forwarded to territorial authorities for their information and use in updating their own staff and politicians.

6. RMLA Conference – attendance by Councillor Sally Baber

A report from Councillor Baber on her attendance at the RMLA Conference held in Auckland on 5 – 7 October 2006 is appended as **Attachment 2**.

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the report; and*
- 2. Note the contents.*

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Attachment 1: Department Managers' Reports

Attachment 2: RMLA Conference - report from Sally Baber