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Divisional Manager's report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress of the Landcare Division since the Committee's last meeting.

2. Managers' reports

The Departmental Managers' reports are attached.

3. Transfer of Management of Land in East Harbour and Belmont Regional Parks

We have now received a draft agreement from Hutt City Council (HCC) to formalise the transfer of management of land in East Harbour and Belmont Regional Parks. We hope to discuss the agreement with HCC officers in the near future. We will also need to ensure that the Department of Conservation (DOC) is comfortable with the details of the arrangement.

As required by the Local Government Act both HCC and Greater Wellington notified our intent for the land to be managed by Greater Wellington in our respective Annual Plans. We did not receive any submissions opposing the arrangement and three submissions supported it.

4. Mabey Road depot

We have received resource consent to subdivide the Mabey Road depot. That is the last major approval required so we would hope that the surplus land could be auctioned in the next few weeks.

5. Planning for the new parks

Planning for Whitiareia and Wairarapa Wetlands is underway. This month we will have initial discussions with iwi on the Whitiareia Park proposal as well as discussions with DOC and South Wairarapa District Council on the Wairarapa Wetlands. The discussions are preliminary only at this stage but I will update the Committee of any issues that arise.

6. Harvey Norman development – Hutt City

Progress continues to be made on the Harvey Norman car park arrangement. We have redrafted our lease agreement with HCC and hope to have that signed off in the very near future. We are simultaneously going through a valuation exercise with Harvey Norman to determine the car park rental.

7. Lower Wainuiomata Dam decommissioning

In May, Greater Wellington Water completed a study on the options for decommissioning the Lower Wainuiomata Dam. Councillors will recall that there has been some discussion about creating a wetland behind the dam when it is decommissioned. The study and its recommendations will be reported to the Utility Services Committee on 22 June. It is expected that a report indicating how a wetland can be constructed and the costs will be presented to the next Landcare Committee meeting. This will be based on one of the dam decommissioning options.

8. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. receive the report.*
- 2. note the contents of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Departmental reports