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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. 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. Managers' Reports

The Departmental Managers' Reports are attached.

4. Comment

Parks became part of the new Water Supply Parks & Forests Division from 1 February, so my comments only cover part of the reporting period.

In the last few weeks I have had the opportunity to meet most of the Parks' staff and visit several of the parks including the proposed wetland regional park in the Wairarapa. The remaining areas to be visited are Wainuiomata recreational area and the East Harbour Regional Park. A trip has been scheduled to these. I also met with the Wellington Conservator for the Department of Conservation, Mr Allan Ross.

Unfortunately the Councillor's tour to the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo catchment in March has had to be postponed until early in May. This will be the first opportunity to show the Councillors the combined work of the Parks and Water Supply staff.

In the Planning and Policy section of this report, mention is made of the inspection of the Birchfield and Korokoro dams. It is intended that approval

will be sought in due course for Greater Wellington to become an accredited dam owner. This will enable both the Birchfield and Korokoro dams to be managed under the accredited owner programme and is an example of possible synergies that will result from bringing Water Supply and Parks into one division.

Surveying the bunkers in the Belmont Park is mentioned in the Managers' Report. It will be interesting to see what this survey reveals. It is apparent though that some of the bunkers are in poor condition with the reinforcing steel rusted to a state where it has broken the concrete.

A separate report deals with the barn at Queen Elizabeth Park and this may require some difficult decisions.

5. Communication

No communications are required.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Parks and Forests Manager's report for period ending Friday 17 March 2006