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Committee Catchment Management  
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## Divisional Manager's Report

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress and any matters that have arisen since the previous meeting held on 19 March 2008.

### 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. Background

The Departmental Managers' reports are attached.

### 4. Divisional matters

#### Councillors visit to the Wairarapa

The Councillor tour to the Wairarapa on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of April went very well. The range of sites and topics discussed seem to meet Councillor expectation. It was great that appointed members could attend various sections of the tour and get some further insights into the range of activities undertaken by Greater Wellington and spend some time with Councillors.

#### Vector Management Contract Extension with the AHB

On Friday 18 April I met Mathew Hall from the Animal Health Board (AHB) to discuss progress with their consideration of our Vector Management contract extension proposal, and various transition matters including recruitment of staff by the AHB.

I was verbally advised that the Board would agree to our proposal, including the nominated fee, with only three areas of clarification/further discussion required. These relate to tender co-ordination by the AHB, the new system for payment of contracts and our role in planning the 2009/10 programme. None of these three areas is caused me any great concern. Staff have been advised of this update.

Mathew Hall advised that a formal letter of agreement to the contract extension was about three weeks away as he was processing all Regional Council contract extensions together.

### **Findlay Street, Tawa**

On 14 February this year I attended a meeting of the Tawa Community Board to update the Board on progress with the Findlay Street project, Tawa. The Board subsequently asked that the project was included in Council's 2008/09 work programme so that the matter could be brought to a conclusion.

Report 08.255 included in the Committee's meeting agenda provides background to the project, the work required to recommence the project and a proposed programme. A cautious approach is being taken (hence the technical review) before we again go public with the project and begin the resource consent and property negotiation processes.

### **Total Catchment Management**

We have made significant progress with a framework on how the TCM concept could be used to assist with Councils policy/decision making processes and delivery of services on the ground. Recent meetings/workshops held with senior managers from the Catchment Management and Environment Divisions were excellent in developing our concept.

Ian Gunn and I are aiming to present the framework to the June Catchment Management Committee meeting.

### **Lake Ferry Car Park**

A request from the South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) to contribute to the restoration and protection of the road leading to the visitor car park on the foreshore at Lake Ferry has been assessed by Flood Protection staff.

The car park (proposed to be upgraded by the SWDC) is located in a mobile coastal environment and should be considered an asset at risk from river mouth migration and storm damage. Given this our advice to the SWDC is that the car park can be best achieved by realigning the existing access road away from the river edge.

### **Hill Country Erosion Fund Application**

On Friday 18 April, Dave Cameron and I met with Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) officials to discuss GW's Stage 2 application for funding from the Hill Country Erosion Fund.

It appears that we have a very good chance of the application being successful. However the bid does rely on Greater Wellington approval of Council's contribution to the project which will not be fully considered until 12 months after the bid is assessed by MAF.

A number of options are being considered to line up both funding approvals including firming up Council's commitment very soon, or delaying the start of the programme by one year on the basis that MAF would ring fence any funding until June 2009 when our next LTCCP process is complete.

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

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**Attachment 1: Departmental Managers' Report**  
**Attachment 2: Financial Report**