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Flood Protection capital works programme unbudgeted expenditure for 2004/05

1. Purpose

To advise the Committee that part of the 2003/04 capital works programme will be completed in 2004/05.

2. Background

In the Council rebudget process, which takes place after the end of the third quarter, we did apply for (and receive approval for) a number of rebudgets for the capital works programme. However, progress of the programme fell short of where we forecast to be at the end of the financial year and we are now in a situation where we need to complete more work than anticipated in the 2004/05 financial year.

3. Hutt non structural implementation

This project still has a way to go. A draft of the HCC plan change raised a large number of submissions, mostly from Belmont residents, and our response is now underway. We plan to complete our investigations and consultation ready for a recommendation on the way forward to be presented to the September Hutt River Advisory Committee meeting.

\$10,000 was rebudgeted from 2003/04 to 2004/05 but we now predict we will need a further \$15,000 to complete the job in 2004/05. This work in 2004/05 will still be within the total project budget.

4. Belmont edge protections

The contract works and the majority of the planting programme was completed in 2003/04. However, the consultation with the Belmont community over the proposed district plan changes has highlighted their desire for some minor additional works which are being investigated at present.

These additional works will take place in 2004/05 within the savings from 2003/04 of \$80,000 and within the total project budget.

5. Norfolk St stopbank

The stopbank, as designed, was completed in 2003/04. However, for a variety of reasons some additional work is required to improve arrangements for blocking the gap.

These additional works will take place in 2004/05 within the savings from 2003/04 of \$40,000 and within the total project budget.

6. River works mouth to SH 1

The rock supply for the edge works at Chrystalls was completed in 2003/04. However, construction has had to be delayed until spring or early summer as a result of a combination of rock supply delays and the February 2004 floods.

These additional works will take place in 2004/05 within the savings from 2003/04 of \$29,500 and within the total project budget.

7. Winstones walkway

The first phase of the new walkway past the Winstone Aggregates plant was completed in 2003/04. However, final finishing work to the track is still required.

These works will take place in 2004/05 within the savings from 2003/04 of \$8,000 and within the total project budget.

8. Strand Park channel realignment

The rock supply for this major capital item is about 3 months behind schedule, resulting in a lower than planned spend in 2003/04 of \$289,000 which we will now need in 2004/05. There is a further \$3,371,000 budgeted for 2004/05 and \$200,000 for 2005/06. Depending on how the job progresses this financial year, we may need to again transfer budget to the following year.

9. Financial implications

9.1 Expenditure

In total, the maximum impact on the capital programme for 2004/05 for the above jobs will be \$461,500. These will appear as an overspend in the capital expenditure budget.

9.2 Funding

As with most capital works, funding is via loan and we do not accrue interest until the loan is drawn down.

Funding for the loan repayments for these projects is already included in the budget, so the completion in 2004/05 will not result in any unfavourable funding variances.

10. Communication

At this stage no further communication is required.

11. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *receive the report.*
2. *note the contents of the report.*
3. *note that unbudgeted but fully funded capital expenditure of up to \$461,500 will occur in 2004/05 to complete the 2003/04 capital works programme.*

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