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Divisional Manager's report

1. Purpose

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

2. Managers' reports

The Department Managers' reports follow as **Attachment 1**.

We have not included a Divisional Accountant's report because the financial results for July were not finalised at the time of writing. However, we expect to be able to brief you on the Division's financial position at the time of the meeting.

3. Consents Review

The group reviewing our consents processes has finished its work and decided on some recommendations. However, I am waiting the outcome of the Resource Management Act 1991 "improvement process" before these recommendations are brought to Council. It is likely that changes in the Act will be proposed that may affect our recommendations. We will report back to the Committee as soon as possible. A report on the agenda of this meeting refers to the consents review and gives some indication of the direction that we are currently proposing.

4. Manager, Consents Management

Luci Ryan will be leaving the Council in December to take parental leave. I have now advertised the position as I would like to ensure that the new appointee is ready to commence work in January 2005.

5. Last meeting of the triennium

This is the last meeting of the triennium. On behalf of all the staff in the Environment Division, I thank you for the interest and support that you have given over the last three years. It has been a very good triennium and I think we made a lot of progress. We wish you all well in the forthcoming election.

6. 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