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## **Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan Implementation 2004/2005**

### **1. Purpose**

To inform the Committee of progress in implementing the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and regional plans during the 2004/2005 year.

### **2. Discussion**

The Annual Plan requires that the implementation of the Regional Policy Statement and regional plans will have continued by progressing the following programmes “to the satisfaction of the Council”:

- Wetland Action Plan;
- Riparian Management Strategy;
- The Councils Carbon Footprint Programme;
- Wellington Harbour biodiversity case study;
- Freshwater Ecosystems Programme;
- Kaiwharawhara Stream Plan;
- Care Group work.

Appendix One to this report gives a summary of the work done during the 2004/2005 financial year on these programmes with the exception of the care group work. A report on care group work will be presented to the Committee separately. The implementation of the programmes relies on the input of staff from Departments across the Council. Significant progress is being made and Councillors can be well satisfied with the implementation activities this year.

Updates on many of the programmes mentioned in this report have also been presented to the Committee during the year.

### 3. **Communication**

Communicating the diversity of the range of programmes contained in this report is difficult in a press release, given the range of topics and the ongoing nature of much of the work. Discrete aspects of the activities described in this report are publicised throughout the year.

### 4. **Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. *receive the report; and*
2. *note the contents.*

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**Attachment 1:** Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan Implementation Summary