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Committee Landcare
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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 Department Managers' Report is attached.

4. Comment

As part of the restructuring of the Water Supply Parks and Forests Division, a Marketing Department has been established and Amanda Cox appointed as its Manager. The role of the Marketing Department will be to raise awareness of the parks and forests areas and water supply issues. By creating this Department it has increased the importance of these aspects of the Council's work.

A separate suite of reports to the Committee cover the performance indicators set in the Annual Plan for the previous Parks and Forests Department. It is pleasing to note that nearly all of the objectives and performance indicators have been met.

There has been some difficulty separating the possibility of restoring an old barn at Queen Elizabeth Park and maintaining a horse riding concession. The proposed solution outlined in a separate committee report is to build a small structure that could be used by a horse riding concessionaire. The question

then as to whether or not the barn is restored, at considerable cost, can be deferred until a later date.

There is an opportunity for offices to assist DoC and the Guardian of Whareroa with initial development work on the farm. The main driver for this is the \$87,000 the Guardians have received for development work.

5. 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, 9 June 2006