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## Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting 17 April 2013

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee that took place on 17 April 2013.

### 2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

### 3. Report

#### 3.1 Reinstatement of the pine block at Belmont Regional Park

The Committee discussed the proposal to reinvest revenue from the Belmont logging operation back into the regional park. The logging process is going well, with approximately 1930 tonnes of logs having been removed to date. So far the quality of harvested logs is better than initially anticipated; this, together with improving export markets, may enhance the net return from the logging operation. The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that any additional revenue received from the logging operation should be reinvested in the regional parks.

Sediment control measures have been put in place which will allow logging to continue throughout the winter months. The clear fell operation is scheduled to start in late May; in the meantime public access will be reinstated to tracks unaffected by logging operations. The logging operation is expected to be completed by September 2013.

#### 3.2 General Managers' report

The Committee discussed the recent water supply issues resulting from the recent prolonged period of dry weather. Light rain in early April combined with positive public response to the water saving campaign and cooler

autumn temperatures mean the region's water supply is now tracking back to normal, but an on-going communications campaign is being developed to encourage the public to continue their water saving efforts long term. A debrief meeting is scheduled with GWRC management and customers for mid-May to review the recent situation. The outcome of this debrief will be relayed at the Council workshop following the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting on 22 May. A public open day at the Te Marua water treatment plant has also been scheduled for May.

#### **4 Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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