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Report to Environment Committee  
from Jane Bradbury, Divisional Manager, Environment

## **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 along with the Divisional Accountant's report follow as attachment 1.

### **3. Resource Management Law Association Conference**

The Annual RMLA Conference is to be held 12 – 15 September in Queenstown. To date we have not received a programme.

It has been our practice to send two Councillors to this conference. However, it is difficult to say whether this is appropriate this year without having seen the programme. The next meeting of this Committee will be too late to make any decisions.

I, therefore, suggest that the Committee nominates two Councillors to attend, subject to interest and content of the programme.

### **4. Manager, Resource Policy**

An advertisement has been placed to find a replacement for Dr Hastie. The position has been advertised both internally and externally. At the time of writing, it is too early to gauge interest.

## 5. **Urban Growth Strategy**

I have received a number of positive comments about the presentation on this project at the last Policy and Finance Committee meeting. In my opinion, this is a very important piece of work for all Local Government in the Region. I am very pleased with the co-operative approach that is being developed and hope to see some further progress very soon.

## 6. **Project Phoenix**

The Manager, Emergency Management, refers to this exercise in his report. Nevertheless, I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the importance of this project and the tremendous co-operative effort involved. Much of the value of Project Phoenix has been realised in the preparation. In some ways the exercise is the “icing on the cake”. I know our staff has thought of little else for a number of months. Let us hope that the exercise will provide both the information and framework for our future Emergency Management planning and organisation.

## 7. **Recommendation**

- (a) *That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (b) *That the Committee nominates two Councillors to attend the 2002 RMLA Conference.*

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Attachments