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## Acting 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. Ministry for the Environment air quality monitoring funding

To help with the implementation of the new National Environmental Standards for air quality, the Ministry for the Environment has provided some funding for the purchase of monitoring equipment. Greater Wellington has been successful in obtaining \$38,500 in funding. This will be used to update our monitoring equipment at Wainuiomata so that it complies with the continuous monitoring requirements in the standard.

### 4. Environment friendly tax changes

The Government has recently passed new tax laws which include tax deductions for environmental expenditure such as preventing, remedying or mitigating the discharge of contaminants, monitoring the effects of pollution and testing options to deal with environmental issues.

It is hoped that this initiative will provide an incentive for people to take positive action to improve the environment. It may have implications for Environment Division staff, particularly in the contaminated sites area where we have a role in auditing and signing off contaminated site investigations.

### 5. RMELA Bill Progress

The Local Government and Environment Select Committee have referred the Resource Management and Electricity Legislation Bill back to parliament for its final reading.

Staff will provide the Committee with an update of amendments when the Bill is finally enacted.

**6. “The Inspectors”**

We have been approached by Top Shelf Productions to participate in their programme “The Inspectors”. This programme documents the day-to-day activities of local authority staff. We have agreed to allow their film crew to accompany our Pollution Control staff while they carry out their duties. Filming of people we deal with will only proceed with their approval.

**7. 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**