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Divisional Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress and any matters that have arisen since the previous meeting held on 28 April 2009.

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. Background

The Department Managers' reports are attached.

4. Divisional matters

4.1 Staffing

The Catchment Management Division welcomes Davor Bejakovich as the new Manager, Biosecurity. Davor commenced on 25 May. Davor has spent the last 4 years with Fish & Game NZ in Canterbury. Beforehand, he spent 9 years with MAF Biosecurity, rising to the position of National Manager, Forestry Pest Surveillance.

Three FTE workers concluded their employment with BioWorks at the end of May. The staff were surplus to requirements as BioWorks nears completion of their programme in June/July. There may be opportunities to re-employ skilled staff again in the new financial year subject to BioWorks securing sufficient work off the AHB.

4.2 Making of the Greater Wellington Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022

Greater Wellington (GW) approved the adoption of the new Regional Pest Management Strategy at the Council meeting on 9 March 2009 following a five-year review. Notice of this approval was then publicly made on the 15 April 2009. Submitters were also given GW decisions on matters raised in their submissions. No appeals were made to the Environment Court within the allowable timeframe.

GW is now able to formally make its Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022 (the Strategy).

The Strategy must be made (under Section 79F of the Biosecurity Act 1993) by affixing the seal of the Council to the document. GW must then provide one copy of the Strategy to every public library in the Wellington region. GW advertised that copies will be made available at the three main Council offices and on the GW website.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Department Managers' report
Attachment 2: Financial report