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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. RMA Review

Councillors will be aware that the Ministry for the Environment is initiating another RMA review. Ministers are still determining the scope of the review and the broad topic areas they want to examine and make decisions on. We do not have any further information at this time.

4. Communications

The Environment Division had at least 125 mentions in articles and stories in newspapers in the last three months. Only 3 of these were negative and related to consents issues. Consents featured in 40 stories over this period.

Keith Lyons, our communications advisor, is working on the division's communication strategy. Keith is finding that his time is more than filled with dealing with the media, and working on brochure texts, posters, articles, as well as the communication strategy. Consequently, Rylee Pettersson, our hazards analyst, is assisting with some of our communications work, in addition to her normal work. She is helping streamline our publications processes as there is certainly room for us to be more efficient.

5. 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