



Contribution to community outcomes

Healthy environment

Develop and implement the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and regional plans.

Sense of place

Process and monitor resource consents.

Healthy community

Investigate and clean up pollution incidents.

Research key environmental issues and threats.

Measure the quality and quantity of our natural resources e.g. river flows, air quality, soil health.

Report to the public on the state of the environment.

Help children, businesses and the community to look after and restore the environment.



Key projects for 2007/08

Activity: Manage resources

- Complete the review of our Regional Policy Statement – the principal document for setting policies and methods to achieve integrated management of the region’s natural and physical resources. This will be approved by the Council for public consultation.
- Maintain our core functions, such as consents processing, compliance monitoring and enforcement, and provide a 24-hour pollution-response service for the community.
- Carry out a review of our resource management charging policy.
- Enhance our Take Charge business pollution-prevention programme. Using a combination of education and enforcement tools, and focusing on our commercial and industrial areas, the programme manages non-compliance with regional rules and promotes best practice.
- Continue to promote our Muddy Waters programme – a focused set of initiatives targeted at local authorities, contractors and consultants to improve environmental performance on earthworks sites.

Activity: Monitor the state of the environment

- Manage our air-monitoring programme, in compliance with the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality, which requires that we monitor and analyse air quality in the eight air sheds in our region.
- Expand the flood-warning systems in the Wairarapa’s eastern hills, following a review of our hydrological monitoring network.

- Further develop the Wairarapa conceptual groundwater model to increase our understanding of the geology and hydrology of the Wairarapa groundwater system. This will support the sustainable management of Wairarapa’s water resources.
- Investigate water quality in the Wellington Harbour. This will involve analysing sediment samples to gain a detailed understanding of the state of the harbour, and assessing the effects of discharges into the harbour.

Activity: Environmental education

- Continue with our Take Care and Take Action programmes. Take Care supports community groups, businesses and landowners to restore wetlands, streams, dunes and estuaries. Take Action is a programme for schools which helps both students and teachers to make an environmental difference.
- Promote the Greater Wellington Environmental Awards, which will be run for the first time this year. These will reward groups who have a working relationship with Greater Wellington and who have made a significant contribution to enhancing sustainability in the region.



Key changes from the *2006–16 Ten-Year Plan (LTCCP)*

- An additional \$54,000 has been provided to increase policy input for the review of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS), as we work closely with city and district councils and iwi to develop a new RPS.
- \$100,000 has been transferred from our communications budget to expand the Take Charge business pollution-prevention programme. This will improve coverage for industrial and commercial businesses across the region.
- We have projected additional revenue of \$300,000 from resource consent fees.
- A total of \$30,000 has been included for the new Greater Wellington Environmental Awards, and for formalising support for the Get Sustainable Challenge (business awards).



Short term targets – by 30 June 2008

Activity & Levels of service: Manage resources

1 Develop and implement the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and regional plans

Target	Performance Indicators
A proposed Regional Policy Statement will be released for public consultation in September 2007, within a budget of \$404,000	The Regional Policy Statement will be approved for public release by the Council in September 2007
The following programmes and plans will be implemented and a progress report approved by Council, within a budget of \$602,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland Action Plan • Queen Elizabeth II Trust private land protection programme • Freshwater ecosystems programme • Kaiwharawhara Stream Plan • Waiwhetu Stream Action Plan • Pauatahanui Inlet Action Plan • Coastal and marine ecosystem programme Action Plan 	Implementation of the following plans and programmes will be reported to Council by June 2008: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland Action Plan • Queen Elizabeth II Trust private land protection programme • Freshwater ecosystems programme • Kaiwharawhara Stream Plan • Waiwhetu Stream Action Plan • Pauatahanui Inlet Action Plan • Coastal and marine ecosystem programme Action Plan
The Stormwater Action Plan will be implemented in association with our city and district councils, within a budget of \$89,000	Progress with implementing the Stormwater Action Plan will be reported to Council

2 Process and monitor resource consents

Target	Performance Indicators
100% of resource consents will be processed within statutory timeframes (20 working days for non-notified consents) and within a budget of \$577,000	All resource consents will be processed within statutory timeframes and regular reports will be provided to Council
100% of resource consents will be monitored for compliance with resource consent conditions, within a budget of \$443,000	All resource consents will be monitored and a compliance summary report will be provided to Council
At least two workshops will be conducted for customers on how they can obtain best value from the resource consent process, within a budget of \$60,000	Two workshops will be held
An independent customer satisfaction survey will show (within a budget of \$40,000) that over 60% of recent applicants and existing consent holders rate their level of satisfaction with our resource consents process service as excellent or very good	A customer satisfaction survey will be completed



Short term targets – by 30 June 2008 *(continued)*

Activity & Levels of service: Manage resources *(continued)*

3 Research key environmental issues and threats

Target	Performance Indicators
Targeted investigations will be completed and a progress report approved by the Council, within a budget of \$323,000	Environmental problems will be investigated and identified to enable appropriate remedial action to be undertaken to Council's satisfaction
The Selected Land Use Register will be maintained and public enquiries responded to within a week	The Selected Land Use Register will be maintained and public enquiries responded to within a week

4 Investigate and clean up pollution incidents

Target	Performance Indicators
An annual report card that provides a summary of pollution control activities will be approved by Council	An annual report card will be produced within budget, and to Council's satisfaction
All reported pollution response incidents will be responded to in accordance with the following timeframes, within a budget of \$305,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log only – no action required • Red – serious adverse environmental effect requiring immediate action: 60 minutes • Yellow – serious environmental effect where no benefit will be gained by an immediate response: 24 hours • Blue – minor environmental effect requiring no immediate response: 7 days 	All response timeframes will be reported to Council



Environment

Short term targets – by 30 June 2008 *(continued)*

Activity & Levels of service: Monitor the state of the environment

1 Measure the quality and quantity of our natural resources e.g. river flows, air quality, soil health

2 Report to the public on the state of the environment

Target	Performance Indicators
Greater Wellington's flood managers will be notified within 30 minutes when any river or rainfall trigger levels are reached	An annual report card will be produced within budget, and to the satisfaction of the Council
Greater Wellington's water and consents managers will be notified within one working day of low groundwater levels in the Waiwhetu aquifer	Managers will be advised of low groundwater levels in the Waiwhetu aquifer within one working day
Water samples will be taken weekly throughout the bathing season (1 November to 31 March) and tested for the presence of bacteria, within a budget of \$119,000	Water samples will be taken weekly throughout the bathing season (1 November to 31 March) and tested for the presence of bacteria The results will be put on Greater Wellington's website as they are received from the testing laboratory
A traffic light warning framework will be implemented as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green – low or no public health risk • Amber – alert mode requiring follow-up monitoring • Red – beach closed 	
Real-time environmental data available on Greater Wellington's website	Real-time environmental data will be available on Greater Wellington's website
An annual report card containing summary information for the following resources will be approved by Council within a budget of \$102,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrology • Groundwater • Freshwater quality • Coastal water quality • Recreational water quality • Air quality • Soil quality 	Annual report cards for the preceding year will be reported to the Council by June 2008



Short term targets – by 30 June 2008 *(continued)*

Activity & Level of service: Environmental education

1 Help children, businesses and the community to look after and restore the environment

Target	Performance Indicators
Through the Take Care community environmental education programme, five new Care Groups will be established and assisted to care for degraded local ecosystems and existing Care Groups will be maintained, within a budget of \$269,000	Through the Take Care community environmental education programme, five new Care Groups will be established (or existing groups renewed) and assisted to care for degraded local ecosystems and existing Care Groups will be maintained
20 schools will participate in the Take Action environment education programme, within a budget of \$237,000	20 schools and 2000 students will participate in the Take Action environment education programme, establishing systems for promoting change in students' environmental behaviour or undertaking re-vegetation projects to improve the local environment
20 small to medium sized businesses will be given advice on how to take practical action to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment, within a budget of \$89,000	20 small to medium sized businesses will be provided with advice on how to take practical action to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment



Environment

Prospective funding impact statement

FUNDING STATEMENT

	2007/08 Plan \$000s	2007/08 LTCCP \$000s
General rate	8,904	9,275
Targeted rate	-	-
Government subsidies	10	10
Interest and dividends	21	18
Other operating revenue	1,448	1,323
Operating revenue	10,383	10,626
Direct operating expenditure	10,239	10,410
Finance costs	26	26
Depreciation	287	273
Operating expenditure	10,552	10,709
Operating surplus/(deficit)	(169)	(83)
Less:		
Capital expenditure	401	275
Proceeds from asset sales	(23)	(13)
Loan funding	(250)	(155)
Rates-funded capital expenditure	128	107
Debt repayment	52	65
Investment additions	-	-
Operational reserve movements	(62)	18
Working capital movements	-	-
Non-cash items	(287)	(273)
Net funding required	-	-

OPERATING REVENUE

	2007/08 Plan \$000s	2007/08 LTCCP \$000s
Manage resources	5,483	5,381
Monitor the state of the environment	3,819	4,252
Environment education	1,081	993
Total operating revenue	10,383	10,626

OPERATING EXPENDITURE

	2007/08 Plan \$000s	2007/08 LTCCP \$000s
Manage resources	5,595	5,436
Monitor the state of the environment	3,847	4,252
Environment education	1,110	1,021
Total operating expenditure	10,552	10,709

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

	2007/08 Plan \$000s	2007/08 LTCCP \$000s
Environment monitoring equipment	250	155
Capital project expenditure	250	155
Land and buildings	-	-
Plant and equipment	80	72
Vehicles	71	48
Total capital expenditure	401	275