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**REPORT 5**  
*(1215/11/IM)*

**Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee**  
**Meeting of Thursday 11 December 2008**

**Members:** Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

**MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE**

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 343/08P ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP REPORT BACK**  
(1215/52/IM)(REPORT 2)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that there were six resignations during the second half of the year and that vacancies will be advertised publicly in December for the appointment of new members to the Environmental Reference Group.*

2. **ITEM 344/08P COURTENAY PLACE PRECINCT FLEXIBLE STREETScape PROJECT**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Notes that a pilot project is being undertaken to control traffic movements in Courtenay Place which will be funded from within existing budgets.*
3. *Agrees that officers will report back on the results of the pilot scheme in May 2009.*

4. *Agrees that a comprehensive plan for the Courtenay Place precinct be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in May 2009 along with a range of funding priorities.*

3. **ITEM 346/08P INFLOW AND INFILTRATION INTO PRIVATE WASTEWATER LATERALS**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information;*
2. *Note that wastewater overflows during heavy rain events are caused by excessive I & I, and that it is estimated that between 40 to 60% of Inflow and Infiltration is derived from defects in private laterals.*
3. *Note that under the Council's current Lateral Policy (2005) property owners are responsible for the ownership, maintenance and renewal of their private lateral from the building to the Council owned main.*
4. *Note that Council is currently committed to the following:*
  - a. *Funding of overflow mitigation works at wastewater treatment plants to comply with resource consent conditions (\$18.2 million).*
  - b. *A further investment of \$7.7 million per annum for renewal of public wastewater drains -including works specifically to target Inflow and Infiltration.*
  - c. *Works to mitigate the effects of overflows from constructed overflows; these works are estimated to cost in the order of \$70 million over the next 20 years.*
5. *Note that some of the options can have a significant financial implication for both Council and private home owners.*
6. *Agree that officers develop a detailed policy and implementation plan that incorporates:*
  - a. *A cost-benefit analysis of the available options for Wellington City.*
  - b. *An analysis of approaches and works undertaken by other Councils.*
  - c. *Consideration of amendments to the 2005 Laterals Policy that may be desirable.*
  - d. *The timing for the introduction of any implementation.*
7. *Note that the policy will be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee in March 2009.*
8. *Agree that the term "private sewerage drains" be used instead of "laterals".*

4. **ITEM 349/08P SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the submission attached as Appendix 1 of the officer's report be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment's Board of Inquiry on the NPS for its consideration.*
3. *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and the Environment Portfolio Leader the authority to sign off minor changes to the submission, resulting from any amendments agreed by the Committee.*

5. **ITEM 351/08P STRATEGY AND POLICY FORWARD PROGRAMME**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 9)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 of the officers report.*

**Kerry Prendergast**  
**Deputy Chair**