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Parks and Forests capital works programme unbudgeted expenditure for 2003/04

1. Purpose

To advise the Committee that part of the 2002/03 capital works programme will be completed in 2003/04.

2. Queen Elizabeth Park toilets

As reported in Landcare Committee report 03.448, we did not make as much progress as we had planned to in 2002/03 on the construction of the Whareroa Beach and McKays Crossing toilet blocks in Queen Elizabeth Park. These toilet blocks were planned to be designed and built over the 2002/03 and 2003/04 financial years. We had budgeted \$110,000 to be spent in 2002/03 and \$130,000 to be spent in 2003/04.

The delay in the work resulted in an under-spend of around \$88,000 in the 2002/03 year. Unfortunately the delay occurred late in the financial year and we were unable to formally make provision to "carry over" the budget into the 2003/04 year.

3. Financial implications

3.1 Expenditure

There is only \$130,000 budgeted in 2003/04 for the completion of both toilet blocks. However, to complete the job we require Council approval to use the unspent \$88,000 from 2002/03. The total expenditure for the two toilet blocks will remain within the \$240,000 budget for the job. The \$88,000 would appear as an unbudgeted item in the 2003/04 capital expenditure performance indicator for Parks and Forests. Table 1 sets out the situation.

	Budget	Actual
2003/03	\$110,000	\$ 22,000
2003/04	\$130,000	\$218,000
TOTAL	\$240,000	\$240,000

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3.2 Funding

As with most capital works, funding is via loan and we do not accrue interest until the loan is drawn down.

Funding for the loan repayments for this project is already included in the budget, so the completion in 2003/04 will not result in any unfavourable funding variances.

4. Communication

At this stage no further communication is required.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. receive the report.
- 2. **note** the contents of the report.
- 3. **note** that unbudgeted but fully funded capital expenditure of \$88,000 will occur in 2003/04 to complete the Whareroa Beach and MacKays toilet blocks.

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