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## Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan Implementation

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of progress in implementing the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and regional plans during the 2005/2006 year.

### 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 Annual Plan requires that the implementation of the Regional Policy Statement and regional plans will have continued by progressing the following programmes “to the satisfaction of the Council”:

- Wetland Action Plan;
- Kaiwharawhara Stream Plan;
- Riparian Management Strategy;
- The Councils Carbon Footprint programme;
- Coastal and Marine Ecosystem programme;
- Freshwater Ecosystems programme;
- QEII Private Land Protection programme
- Waiwhetu Stream Action Plan
- Waitohu Stream Improvement programme

- Pauatahanui Inlet Action Plan

Attachment One to this report gives a summary of the work done during the 2005/2006 financial year on these programmes. The implementation of the programmes relies on the input of staff from departments across the Council. Significant progress is being made and Councillors can be well satisfied with the implementation activities this year.

Updates on many of the programmes mentioned in this report have also been presented to the Committee during the year.

#### **4. Communication**

Communicating the diversity of the range of programmes contained in this report is difficult in a press release, given the range of topics and the ongoing nature of much of the work. Discrete aspects of the activities described in this report are publicised throughout the year.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

1. ***Receive the report; and***
2. ***Note the content.***

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**Attachment 1:** Appendix 1: Regional Policy Statement and Regional Plan implementation summary