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First Quarter Review for the three months ended 30 September 2007

1. Purpose

- To inform the Council of Greater Wellington's (GWRC) financial performance for the three months ended 30 September 2007 and to provide an explanation of major variances by Division.
- To forecast the end of year position based on the management reviews completed with each Division.
- To inform the Council of the WRC Holdings Group's financial performance for the three months ended 30 September 2007 and to provide explanations of variances to budget.
- To provide an interim position in terms of achievement against the published performance targets in the Council's 2007/08 Annual Plan.

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 Council prepares monthly financial statements for review. Each quarter a more detailed review of the Council's financial results is undertaken by the Chief Executive/Chief Financial Officer with each of the Divisions

It is timely, as a result of those reviews, to present a summary of Council's performance for the three months ended 30 September 2007.

In respect of the WRC Holdings Group, monthly financial statements are prepared and reviewed by management and the Boards of Directors of the individual companies within the Group. As such, only summary financial statements are presented for consideration by Council.

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4. Financial Performance

4.1 Year to date Operating Performance

The Council achieved an operating surplus of \$2,768,000 (budget \$33,000). This result excludes both expenditure incurred and grants received in respect of Public Transport capital expenditure. Including these amounts the Council's deficit was \$254,000 (budget \$610,000).

The WRC Holdings Group achieved a net surplus before tax of \$2,498,000 (budget \$1,231,000).

Further details on the year to date performance are discussed below.

5. Financial Summary - Council

The following tables show the year to date results and variances by Division.

Wellington Regional Council Summary Income Statement - Revenue

Total Operating Revenue				
\$(000)'s	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Variance
Water Group	6,820	6,796	6,808	(12)
Forestry	1,597	1,613	1,595	18
Regional Parks	1,585	1,615	1,637	(22)
Water Supply, Parks & Forests	10,002	10,024	10,040	(16)
Transport Policy and Strategy	655	701	798	(97)
Public Transport	15,838	17,624	18,056	(432)
Total Transport	16,493	18,325	18,854	(529)
Environment	2,849	3,007	3,044	(37)
Catchment Management	7,006	6,788	6,709	79
Corporate	514	661	483	178
WRS	159	1,000	1,100	(100)
Finance, IT & Support Services	1,569	1,740	1,707	33
Investment in Democracy	1,122	1,160	1,156	4
Divisional Operating Revenue	39,714	42,705	43,093	(388)
Investment Management	1,457	1,285	1,308	(23)
Business Unit Rates Contribution	(1,925)	(2,186)	(2,186)	-
Council Operating Revenue	39,246	41,804	42,215	(411)
Public Transport - Capex / Investment	349	5,884	5,084	800
Total Council Revenue	39,595	47,688	47,299	389

Wellington Regional Council Summary Income Statement - Expenditure For the period ending 30 September 2007

Total Operating Expenditure		Year to Date			
\$(000)'s	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Water Group	6,765	6,420	7,425	1,005	
Forestry	1,911	1,907	1,801	(106)	
Regional Parks	1,305	1,458	1,773	315	
Water Supply, Parks & Forests	9,981	9,785	10,999	1,214	
Transport Policy and Strategy	594	656	832	176	
Public Transport	16,110	16,674	17,985	1,311	
Total Transport	16,704	17,330	18,817	1,487	
Environment	2,624	2,938	2,928	(10)	
Catchment Management	6,511	5,701	6,097	396	
Corporate	498	464	495	31	
WRS	273	942	1,100	158	
Finance, IT & Support Services	1,443	1,561	1,630	69	
Investment in Democracy	1,137	1,173	1,199	26	
Divisional Operating Expenditure	39,171	39,894	43,265	3,371	
Investment Management	(465)	(858)	(1,083)	(225)	
Business Unit Rates Contribution	-	-	-		
Council Operating Expenditure	38,706	39,036	42,182	3,146	
Revaluation of Debt and Stadium Advance	.	-	-		
Forestry Cost of Goods Sold	550	347	304	(43)	
Public Transport - Capex / Investment		8,559	5,423	(3,136)	
Total Council Expenditure	39,256	47,942	47,909	(33)	

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Summary Income Statement - Operating Surplus \ (Deficit)

For the period ending 30 September 2007

OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	T) Year to Date			
\$(000)'s	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Variance
Water Group	55	376	(617)	993
Forestry	(314)	(294)	(206)	(88
Regional Parks	280	157	(136)	293
Water Supply, Parks & Forests	21	239	(959)	1,198
Transport Policy and Strategy	61	45	(34)	79
Public Transport	(272)	950	71	879
Total Transport	(211)	995	37	958
Environment	225	69	116	(47)
Catchment Management	495	1,087	612	475
Corporate	16	197	(12)	209
WRS	(114)	58	-	58
Finance, IT & Support Services	126	179	77	102
Investment in Democracy	(15)	(13)	(43)	30
Divisional Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	543	2,811	(172)	2,983
Investment Management	1,922	2,143	2,391	(248
Business Unit Rates Contribution	(1,925)	(2,186)	(2,186)	
Council Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	540	2,768	33	2,735
Revaluation of Debt and Stadium Advance	-	-	-	
Revaluation Forestry - Revaluation	-	-	-	
Forestry Cost of Goods Sold	(550)	(347)	(304)	(43
Public Transport - Capex / Investment	349	(2,675)	(339)	(2,336
Total Council Surplus / (Deficit)	339	(254)	(610)	350
Flood Protection				
Eastern	(7)	299	138	163
Western	704	741	589	152
Total Flood Protection	697	1,040	727	313

5.1 Water - favourable variance of \$993,000 due primarily to:

- Decreased depreciation of \$255,000, due to the water supply assets not being revalued as at 30 June 2007 as budgeted. This has reduced the asset base and therefore depreciation.
- Savings in materials and supplies \$249,000, due mainly to savings in chemicals \$157,000 and power costs \$62,000. These variances, at this stage, are expected to reverse by year end.
- Finance costs are \$139,000 below budget, due to the opening debt position being lower than budget.
- Personnel costs are \$169,000 below budget, due to staff vacancies.

5.2 Forestry - unfavourable variance of \$88,000 due primarily to:

- Higher than budgeted harvest costs including expenditure on maintaining road access, \$50,000.
- Increased replanting costs, \$52,000.

The above variance items are expected to reverse by year end.

5.3 Regional Parks - favourable variance of \$293,000 due primarily to:

• Parks operational expenditure is currently \$316,000 below budget, due mainly to the timing of expenditure in respect of the Akatarawa and Hutt 1080 operations. These are expected to reverse by year end.

5.4 Public Transport - favourable variance of \$879,000 due primarily to:

- The June 2007 Land Transport New Zealand (LTNZ) inflation index was less than expected, resulting in \$500,000 less expenditure on the Council's bus contracts. However, as the diesel price continues to increase due to higher oil prices, it is not expected that this saving will continue.
- The rail operating contract has \$300,000 favourable variance due to the reduce maintenance requirements on the new Wairarapa carriages.
- Some capital expenditure has been reclassified as operational expenditure, thus reducing the favourable variance.

5.5 Transport Policy - favourable variance of \$79,000 due primarily to:

• Delays in completing the transport model, \$54,000.

5.6 Environment - unfavourable variance of \$47,000 due primarily to:

• Lower than anticipated notified consents in the first quarter resulted in a \$38,000 reduction in income.

5.7 Catchment Management - favourable variance of \$475,000 due primarily to:

- The down-sizing of the BioWorks unit has reduced both revenue and expenditure.
- The timing of expenditure on river maintenance across the region has resulted in savings that are expected to reverse by year end.

5.8 Corporate - favourable variance of \$209,000 due primarily to:

• Additional revenue of \$180,000, including \$80,000 for the Emergency Management conference and \$61,000 from the Honda Tree planting program.

5.9 Wellington Regional Strategy - favourable variance of \$58,000 due primarily to:

• The phasing of revenue and expenditure has resulted in a favourable variance which is expected to reverse by year end.

5.10 Finance, IT and Support - favourable variance of \$102,000 due primarily to:

• Higher internal revenue \$38,000, lower personnel costs \$27,000 and the phasing of expenditure on material and supplies.

5.11 Investment Management - unfavourable variance of \$248,000 due primarily to:

- Lower capital expenditure by the Divisions has reduced borrowings and the margin earned by Investment Management.
- External interest rates are higher than budget. Currently, the 90 day bank bill rate is 8.7% compared to the budget of 8.25%.
- The sale of forward start interest rate swaps as signalled in the budget has not yet occurred, resulting in a \$200,000 unfavourable variance.

6. Finance costs

Finance costs for the three months to 30 September are \$1,231,000 compared to the budget of \$1,103,000, an unfavourable variance of \$128,000. The unfavourable variance is due to higher interest rates than budgeted and the budgeted sale of forward start interest rate swaps (a gain of \$200,000), which has not yet occurred.

7. Forecast to 30 June 2008

The forecast to 30 June 2008 is an operating surplus of \$1,144,000, compared with the budget of \$1,459,000. These amounts exclude grants and expenditure in respect of Public Transport capital expenditure. The changes to the forecast are detailed below.

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Summary Income Statement - Operating Surplus \ (Deficit)

For the Year Ending 30 June 2008

OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		Full Year			
\$(000)'s	Last Year	Forecast	Budget	Variance	
Water Group	(363)	(927)	(1,933)	1,006	
Forestry	21	(812)	(909)	97	
Regional Parks	187	(321)	(321)	-	
Water Supply, Parks & Forests	(155)	(2,060)	(3,163)	1,103	
Transport Policy and Strategy	282	(133)	(133)	-	
Public Transport	2,687	(1,062)	(112)	(950)	
Total Transport	2,969	(1,195)	(245)	(950)	
Environment	(513)	(111)	(111)	-	
Catchment Management	1,585	2,854	3,061	(207)	
Corporate	96	(71)	(51)	(20)	
WRS	(221)	-	-	-	
Finance, IT & Support Services	1,568	226	226	-	
Investment in Democracy	84	(172)	(172)	-	
Divisional Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	5,413	(529)	(455)	(74)	
Investment Management	6,200	10,415	10,656	(241)	
Business Unit Rates Contribution	(9,768)	(8,742)	(8,742)	-	
Council Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	1,845	1,144	1,459	(315)	
Revaluation of Debt and Stadium Advance	4,255	-	-	-	
Revaluation Forestry - Revaluation	529	3,029	3,029	-	
Forestry Cost of Goods Sold	(1,745)	(1,215)	(1,118)	(97)	
Public Transport - Capex / Investment	(9,466)	(15,808)	(18,239)	2,431	
Total Council Surplus / (Deficit)	(4,582)	(12,850)	(14,869)	2,019	
Flood Protection	_				
Eastern	(220)	519	519	-	
Western	2,637	2,444	2,444	-	
Total Flood Protection	2,417	2,963	2,963	-	

The significant variances between forecast and budget are:

7.1 Water - favourable variance of \$1,006,000 due primarily to:

• Lower depreciation \$1,006,000 as the water supply assets were not revalued as at 30 June 2007 as budgeted. This has reduced the asset base and therefore depreciation.

7.2 Forestry - favourable variance of \$97,000 due primarily to:

• Overall there is no change to the forecast, \$97,000 has been reclassified as cost of goods sold.

7.3 Public Transport - unfavourable variance of \$950,000 due primarily

• Reclassification of capital expenditure to operational expenditure for stations, platforms and carparks.

7.4 Catchment Management - unfavourable variance of \$207,000 due primarily to:

• Downsizing of the BioWorks unit with the associated costs.

7.5 Investment Management - unfavourable variance \$241,000 due primarily to:

- Higher external interest rates than budgeted
- Lower interest income from the Divisions due to the lower opening debt position than budgeted.

8. Capital Expenditure

8.1 Year to date

Actual capital expenditure is \$1,943,000 compared with the budget of \$4,904,000.

The main contributor to this variance is Public Transport, as detailed below.

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Capital Expenditure and Transport Investment Additions

Capital Expenditure and Investments		Year to 1	Date	
\$(000)'s	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Variance
Water Group	465	389	491	102
Forestry	22	56	76	20
Regional Parks	93	18	40	22
Water Supply, Parks & Forests	580	463	607	144
Transport Policy and Strategy	-	-	-	-
Public Transport	137	97	2,484	2,387
Public Transport Investment Additions	-	-	14	14
Total Transport	137	97	2,498	2,401
Environment	4	-	90	90
Catchment Management	724	1,343	1,111	(232)
Corporate	18	-	-	-
WRS	-	-	-	-
Finance, IT & Support Services	17	36	548	512
Investment in Democracy	-	-	-	-
Divisional Capital and Investment expenditure	1,480	1,939	4,854	2,915
Investment Management	2	4	50	46
Council Capital and Investment expenditure	1,482	1,943	4,904	2,961
Flood Protection				
Eastern	-	21	218	197
Western	649	1,321	894	(427)
Total Flood Protection	649	1,342	1,112	(230)

8.2 Public Transport - favourable variance of \$2,387,000 due primarily to:

Expenditure on stations, platforms and carparks was budgeted as capital expenditure. However, as the Council will not own these assets they have now been classified as operational expenditure.

9. Capital Expenditure - Full year forecast

Except for the reclassification of public transport expenditure, the forecast remains largely unchanged from the budget.

For the Year Ending 30 June 2008 Capital Expenditure and Investments				
Canital Evanditure and Investments				
Cadital Expenditure and investments		Full Yo	ear	
\$(000)'s	Last Year	Forecast	Budget	Variance
Water Group	4,162	4,996	4,996	
Forestry	328	380	380	-
Regional Parks	514	336	336	
Water Supply, Parks & Forests	5,004	5,712	5,712	
Гransport Policy and Strategy	-	17	17	-
Public Transport	(31)	5,201	6,401	1,200
Public Transport Investment Additions		979	979	
Fotal Transport	(31)	6,197	7,397	1,200
Environment	443	1,359	1,359	-
Catchment Management	4,226	7,659	7,689	30
Corporate	209	-	-	-
WRS	-	-	-	-
Finance, IT & Support Services	531	1,539	1,539	-
Investment in Democracy	5	49	49	
Divisional Capital and Investment expenditure	10,387	22,515	23,745	1,230
Investment Management	38	1,405	1,405	
an regument transport			25,150	1,230

10. Finance Costs

Finance costs for the Council are forecast at \$5,275,000 compared with the budget of \$4,975,000. The unfavourable variance is due to forecast interest rates being higher than budget by approximately 0.50%.

11. Debt

Council debt as at 30 September was \$71.2 million, an increase of \$5.9 million from 30 June 2007. The increase is due in the main to further draw downs on the Crown loan to fund the Wairarapa carriages.

The \$71.2 million includes the written down value of the Government loans. The write down is due to the interest free nature of the loans. If write down is excluded the Council's debt as at 30 September would be \$73.2 million.

WRC Holdings Ltd debt as at 30 September was \$44.0 million, unchanged from 30 June 2007. This amount excludes debt borrowed by CentrePort Ltd.

On a consolidated basis total debt (excluding CentrePort Ltd) as at 30 September was \$115.2 million.

It should be noted that the Council has a total of \$46 million on deposit. This comprises \$33 million in liquid financial deposits, the remainder consists of our self insurance funds for water supply and flood protection.

Debt as at 30 June 2008 is forecast at \$102.8 million in the Council and \$44.0 million in WRC Holdings Ltd, a total of \$146.8 million. This forecast assumes no write down of the Government loan.

This is higher than the budget of \$138.1 million. The increase is due to the higher debt as at 30 June 2007 than budgeted, which was due to an increase in the Council's working capital.

11.1 Stadium debt

In June of this year the Council approved the restructuring of the Stadium debt of \$18,985,000. The debt was borrowed from the ANZ at a fixed interest rate of 8.55% until 2018. At the same time the Council requested regular updates on the cost of refinancing.

The debt was repaid to the ANZ in late June 2007 including a break cost of \$419,000. It has been refinanced using our commercial paper programme.

The interest rate risk on this debt has been fixed to January 2009 at a cost of 8.33% compared with the previous interest rate of 8.55%.

12. Annual Plan Performance Targets

Divisional Managers have reported their expectation that all significant annual plan performance targets will be achieved by 30 June 2008.

13. WRC Holdings

The following table summarises WRC Holdings group of companies and CentrePort's (76.9% owned) operating results, before any unrealised increase in the value of investment properties, for the period ended 30 September 2007.

WRC HOLDINGS GROUP INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED

			Group		
	YTD	YTD	YTD	Full Year	Full Year
	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
TOTAL REVENUE	12,747	14,710	14,187	56,749	54,847
OPERATING EXPENSES	9,991	9,927	10,735	42,938	39,260
EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST AND TAX Less:	2,756	4,783	3,453	13,811	15,587
Interest expense	1,136	2,285	2,222	8,886	8,700
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE TAX	1,620	2,498	1,231	4,925	6,887

The actual and forecast results have been impacted by the accounting treatment for the purchase of rail rolling stock. The budget assumed that Greater Wellington Rail Ltd would be funded by share capital. It is now funded by capital grants from Council. The effect of this is to increase the surplus for the year by \$1.4 million.

In addition, CentrePort's forecast result has increased by \$728,000 over the budget due to higher property and container revenues.

14. Compliance with Treasury Management Policy

As at 30 September 2007, all Treasury Management Policy limits have been complied with apart from internal borrowing limit for Forestry and Parks. Refer to **Attachment 4**.

15. Communications

No communications are necessary at this time.

16. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. *Notes* the content of the report.

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Attachment 1: Income Statement

Attachment 2: Funding Statement

Attachment 3: Balance Sheet

Attachment 4: Compliance with Treasury Management Policy

Income Statement

	Year to Date	
Last Year	Actual	Budget
10,015	12,046	12,046
5,473	5,451	5,451
-	-	-
34	43 12	-
(1) 15,521	17,552	17,497
5,694	5,865	5,865
8,577	14,952	14,677
-	14,732	14,077
1,062	997	971
	-	-
4,259	3,986	4,064
35,113	43,352	43,074
4,483	4,337	4,225
39,596	47,689	47,299
6,754	7,132	7,713
5,343	4,863	5,877
312	247	287
5,154	6,751	5,084
13,785	21,043	21,000
4,370	4,284	4,165
35,718	44,320	44,126
-	-	-
1,208	1,231	1,103
(14)	20	-
2,347	2,395	2,680
(2)	(23)	-
-	-	-
3,539	3,623	3,783
39,257	47,943	47,909
339	(254)	(610)
337	(234)	(010)

Income Statement	
\$(000)'s	
Targeted Rates	
General Rate	
Remission of Regional Rates	
Rates Penalties	
Remission of Rates Penalties	
Regional Rates	
Regional Water Supply Levies	
Grants and Subsidies Revenue	
Reserve Investment Revenue	
Other Investment Revenue	
Unrealised Revaluation Gains	
Other External Revenue	
Total External Revenue	
Internal Revenue	
Total Operating Revenue	
Personnel Costs	
Materials, Supplies & Services	
Travel & Transport Costs	
Contractor & Consultants	
Grants and Subsidies Expenditure	
Internal Charges	
Total Direct Expenditure	
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Internal Debt Financial Costs Other Financial Costs	
Bad Debts and Provision for Bad Debts	
Depreciation	
Loss(Gain) on Assets	
Loss(Gain) Investments	
Total Indirect Expenditure	_
Total Operating Expenditure	_
Operating Surplus(Deficit)	

F	ull Year Forecas	st
Last Year	Forecast	Budget
40,060	48,186	48,186
22,525	21,803	21,803
-	-	-
460	-	-
(32)	-	-
63,013	69,989	69,989
22,776	23,460	23,460
51,090	79,179	81,670
-	-	-
4,750	4,890	4,840
4,786	3,809	3,809
17,671	16,813	17,468
164,086	198,140	201,236
18,679	17,344	17,732
182,765	215,484	218,968
28,809	30,069	30,593
19,578	23,394	23,595
1,359	1,129	1,149
25,451	18,754	22,711
79,486	123,127	123,127
18,240	17,158	17,220
172,923	213,631	218,395
4.760	- - 27-	4,975
4,760	5,275	4,973
(40)	0.601	10.720
9,476	9,681	10,720
228	(253)	(253)
-	-	-
14,424	14,703	15,442
187,347	228,334	233,837
(4,582)	(12,850)	(14,869)

Attachment 2: Funding Statement

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Funding Statement

	Year to Date	
Last Year	Actual	Budget
339	(254)	(610)
(2,347)	(2,395)	(2,680)
2	23	-
(550)	(347)	(304)
-	-	_
(2,895)	(2,719)	(2,984)
3,234	2,465	2,374
-	-	-
3,234	2,465	2,374
(=0.4)	(-0 4)	
(204)	(504)	(57)
(1,286)	(1,462)	(4,833)
7	25	-
(1,483)	(1,941)	(4,890)
10,558	(518)	(531)
(7,203)	2,190	3,047
-	-	-
-	_	-
(5,106)	(2,196)	-
-	_	-
-	-	-

Funding Statement
\$(000)'s
Operating Surplus(Deficit)
Depreciation
Loss(Gain) on Assets
Revaluations
Loss(Gain) Investments
Add Back Non Cash Items
Cash Operating Surplus(Deficit)
Reserve Investments Movements
Funding Surplus (Deficit) from Operations
Total Asset Acquisitions
Capital Project Expenditure
Asset Disposal Cash Proceeds
Net Capital Expenditure
Other Investments Movements
External Debt Movements
Internal Debt Repayments
Other Debt Movements
Working Capital Movements
Reserve Movements
Net Funding Surplus(Deficit)

F	ull Year Forecas	t
Last Year	Forecast	Budget
(4,582)	(12,850)	(14,869)
(9,476)	(9,681)	(10,720)
(228)	253	253
3,668	2,594	2,594
-	-	_
(6,036)	(6,834)	(7,873)
1,454	(6,016)	(6,996)
-	-	-
1,454	(6,016)	(6,996)
(1,828)	(1,418)	(1,448)
(8,879)	(23,069)	(23,069)
282	346	346
(10,425)	(24,141)	(24,171)
9,152	(4,519)	(3,039)
(1,359)	34,676	34,206
-	-	-
-	-	-
1,178	-	-
-	-	
	-	-

Attachment 3: Balance Sheet

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Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet	Current	2008	Last Year
\$(000)'s	Actual YTD	Budget	June Actual
Total Retained Earnings	365,949	345,854	367,54
Asset Revaluation Reserves	226,387	198,328	179,699
Departmental Reserves	8,984	7,417	8,093
Movement in Equity	-	-	
Total Ratepayer Funds	601,320	551,599	555,339
Bank Accounts and Call Deposits	6	158	1,03
Receivables	19,615	8,101	11,338
Accrued Revenue and Prepayments	11,296	4,107	21,260
Stocks	2,128	1,945	2,143
Total Current Assets	33,045	14,311	35,78
Other Investments	50,049	48,066	49,53
Investment in Subsidary	34,541	23,089	34,54
Derived Financial Instruments	1,908	-	1,908
Forestry Investments	13,956	18,194	14,30
Total Investments	100,454	89,349	100,283
Net Fixed Assets	556,944	558,709	502,936
Capital Works In Progess	6,939	2,500	14,693
Total Non Current Assets	664,337	650,558	617,912
Total Assets	697,382	664,869	653,690
Payables and Accrued Expenses	21,238	15,654	26,34
Employee Provisions and Accruals	3,320	3,000	4,302
Subsidiaries Current Accounts	337	500	1,443
Current Liabilities	24,895	19,154	32,08
External Debt	71,167	94,116	66,270
Non Current Liabilities	71,167	94,116	66,270
Total Liabilities	96,062	113,270	98,35
Net Assets	601,320	551,599	555,339

2. COMPLIANCE WITH TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY

2.1 Treasury Management Compliance As at 30 September 2007

Total Council Limit Compl	iance Analysis		Notes	Yes	No
Risk management activities are rela	ated to underlying cash	flows		√	
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A mixture of undrawn committed I available for normal operations	ines and liquid investm	nents of no less than \$15 million are		V	
A mixture of undrawn committed I insured infrastructural assets and co		al investments available for self-		✓	
Hedging of interest rate risk on deb	and use of derivative	s within allowable parameters		✓	
Hedging of interest rate risk on inv	estments within allowa	able parameters		✓	
		S&P's cre	dit rating		
Counterparty exposures:	ANZ National	≤ \$50 million	AA	✓	
(on balance sheet)	BNZ	≤ \$15 million	AA	✓	
	Westpac	≤ \$15 million	AA	✓	
	ASB / CBA	≤ \$15 million	AA	✓	
Counterparty credit limits within al	lowable parameters (>	A credit rating for banks)		✓	
Consolidated group external borrov	wing limits compliance	;		✓	
Core Council external borrowing li	mits compliance			✓	
Internal borrowing limits complian	ce				✓

Due to the revaluation of Greater Wellington's forests at June 2007, the Forestry activity has, consistent with prior years breached its internal debt limit.

Parks and Forests have breached their internal borrowing limits due to the purchase of Waitangirua Farm in June 2006.

Consistent with the prior year Forestry's valuation includes Land, Trees and Infrastructural improvements

Consolidated Group External Borrowing Limits			TMP
Ν	lotes	Actual	Limits
Net interest expense to total operating revenue		4%	≤ 12%
Net external debt to total operating revenue		70%	≤ 120%
Note: Group net external debt is total external debt less financial investm			

Core Council External Borrowing Limits			TMP
Ratio	Notes	Actual	Limits
Interest expense on net external debt to rates and levies		1.0%	25%
Net external debt to rates and levies		27.4%	210%
Net external debt per capita		\$55	\$400

Internal Borrowing Limits				TMP
Activity	Ratio	June	Actual	Limits
Regional Water	Debt to water supply levy		186%	300%
	Financial costs to water supply levy		15%	40%
Flood Protection	Debt to rates		252%	400%
	Financial costs to rates		20%	50%
Parks	Debt to rates	59%	59%	50%
	Financial costs to rates		5%	10%
Transport	Debt to rates		20%	250%
	Financial costs to rates		1%	25%
Forestry	Debt to forestry market value	84.5%	86.5%	70%

Further Management Information			
Plantation Forestry	Debt to forestry market value	72%	
Reserve Forestry	Debt to forestry market value	115%	