

20. WATER SUPPLY SECURITY REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update in respect of progress on the Water Supply Security Network Review.

BACKGROUND

This Committee received a report in April 2003 which listed a number of points to be actioned as a result of international events (September 11) and a local contamination incident. To date the following work has been completed:

- A site by site assessment to pinpoint likely locations where contaminants could enter.
- Assessment of the effects on water quality and the network operation should an incident occur.
- Assessment of reasonable measures that can be taken to mitigate against such an incident occurring.
- Programme commenced to raise awareness, and train staff in appropriate response measures.
- Review of design specifications etc to ensure new and/or modified facilities minimise risk.
- Commencement of a works programme to reduce risk at sites recognised as having a higher risk potential. This includes fencing of the selected site, modifying/replacing hatch covers, modifying air vents, and increased electronic monitoring.
- Update of the Unit's Emergency Management Plan to further include this type of event.

THE WAY FORWARD

It is intended that this range of work will continue for the five year period that specific budget provision has been allowed for, (\$100,000 per annum until 2007/08) and will be reviewed then.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.