

## 8. INDEPENDENT MARKET VALUATIONS OF RESERVE CONTRIBUTION

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The Parks Manager reported on the results of a trial of a new system for assessing the reserve contribution on new subdivisions and sought approval to continue using independent market valuations for this purpose.

In July 1999, Quotable Value New Zealand (QV) began a two month trial for providing desktop reserve fund valuations. The trial period proved very successful, producing financial benefits and savings to the Council. In addition the new system proved to be significantly more equitable and therefore fairer to all subdividers and ratepayers.

In light of the success of the trial, the Committee supported the new approach proposed by staff for assessing the value of reserve contributions on subdivisions. The Committee considered, however, that the valuer selection process should be contestable to ensure the best price is obtained for the contract.

The Committee **decided** to recommend to the Strategy and Resources Committee that the Parks Unit be authorised to commit possible over-expenditure of its Professional Fees budget by approximately \$40,000 in the current financial year to allow continuance of independent market valuations of new sections for subdivision reserve contribution revenue purposes.