

9. ORION REVIEW OF WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIVITIES

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BACKGROUND

It is now appropriate to put in place a Council structure for considering the report from Orion on the City's water and wastewater activities.

CONTEXT AND PROPOSAL

At its meeting in February, the Council resolved:

“... that the Council invite Orion to investigate levels of service, asset management plans and network operations systems for water supply and wastewater.”

We understand from our colleagues at Orion that they anticipate completion of a report around the end of July. We can anticipate that the Orion Report will be complex and its recommendations will need to be considered in the light of their implications for the City Council organisation more generally. For example, the water supply network and the liquid waste networks are themselves parts of two City Council operational units which carry out wider functions, and the activities themselves relate back to other Council processes such as those involved in LIMs/PIMs and subdivisions.

It would therefore seem appropriate that a subcommittee be established with terms of reference to consider the Orion Report and advice from appropriate City Council managers on appropriate changes in the light of the Orion Report and of the wider context and plans for change within the current Council operations. This subcommittee would bring back to Strategy & Resources any recommendations for change.

Recommendation: That the Strategy and Resources Committee be constituted as a subcommittee for the purposes set out above.