

5. AVON-HEATHCOTE ESTUARY STRATEGY

Following on from the resolution of the Joint Committee at its meeting on 24 June 1999 the opportunity was taken, as signalled at that meeting, to employ students from the Lincoln University Environmental and Design Division MSc course to prepare a report which could be used constructively by both Councils to progress the Committee's decision.

The intention of this report, entitled "The Estuary: Where Policy and Charter Meet" was to examine the existing policies of all the agencies with responsibility for the Estuary and its environs as they relate to the "Estuary Charter". In addition, the study indicated gaps in the Charter and identified the existing policies which cover these gaps.

As mentioned the report was commissioned as a resource document and to further the environmental outcomes being sought from within the community for the Avon-Heathcote Estuary.

A presentation of this report will be made to the Committee.

Recommendation: That the Committee receive the report as a resource document for the development of a non-statutory management strategy for the Avon-Heathcote Estuary and its environs.