

## 20. WATERWAYS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME – MEETING WITH WATER SERVICES UNIT

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The purpose of this report is to record that on 6 April 2000 discussions took place between the Board and the Water Services Unit regarding a number of issues associated with the implementation of the Council's Waterway's Enhancement Programme.

Barbara Stewart, Sally Buck and Pat Harrow represented the Board and the Unit by the Water Services Manager, Land Drainage Manager, Customer Services Officer and Landscape Architect. The Community Advocate and Community Secretary also attended.

Topics addressed were:

1. Dealing with resource consents
2. Work on private property (with options for protection including conservation covenants)
3. Planting strategy including flexibility in landscaping and type of planting
4. Preservation of existing trees
5. Community consultation

In general discussion, the matter of plant variety and choice for residents was again emphasised and mention was also made of the opportunities available to make greater use of non local indigenous plants in the Council's programmes.

Enhancing water quality through appropriate plant selection using both indigenous and exotic species was also referred to.

Legal clarification was also requested with regard to works undertaken by the Council in and alongside waterway corridors.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.