



## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Environment & Planning Committee

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**SUBJECT:** **MANAGEMENT REPORTS AND STATISTICAL DATA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH 2007- REPORT EP07/08/06 - Report Prepared for 1 August 2007 meeting**

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The attached report reflects in graphic form the number of applications received and decisions made by the department during the three month period January to March 2007.

### 2. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The number of applications for resource consent relating to discharge increased in May. This is due to Ruby Bay Developments application for subdivision which required 111 individual permit applications for discharge of domestic wastewater. An additional four permit applications relate to other discharges.

Staff processed an average of 66% of consent applications within the statutory timeframe during the July 2006 to June 2007 period.

### 3. REGULATORY

The July 2006 to June 2007 reporting year has seen Building Consent application numbers totalling 1700 comparable to previous year.

Within the application numbers there has been decrease in applications for consents relating to commercial and solid fuel heating permits, but there has been a 19% increase in applications made for new dwellings. By ward area, Richmond has experienced the greater percentage of growth with an increase of 35 consents for new dwellings being issued over the year.

Land Information Memorandum applications increased in comparison to the previous year. 705 applications have been processed compared to 666 in the 2005/2006 year with an average processing time of seven days.

Increased numbers of applications were approved in Environmental Health and Sale of Liquor Act (SOLA). A total of 587 applications were approved under SOLA, increase of 66. Environmental Health granted 506 applications, an increase of 32.

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