

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.28AM ON
WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor B Woods (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillor J Diver, S Thomas, B Seddon, J Macphail, M Pablecheque, M McChesney

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), D Laughton (Building Inspector) M Hoggard (Planning Officer), J Denton (Monitoring/Biodiversity Officer), N Sherriff (Environmental Development Officer), D Shovel (Food & Health Standards New Zealand).

1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

a) Building

The Building Inspector presented his report. He advised 17 building consents with a combined construction value of \$1296,000 were issued for the month of October.

A slight downturn in the average number of building consents per month was noted. 2004 averaged 19.08 consents per month while 2005 averaged 12.4 consents per month however the value and input required to process these consents was much greater.

b) Resource Planning

The Planning Officer presented the report advising 11 new resource consents applications were received for the month.

c) Monitoring/Biodiversity

The Biodiversity Officer presented the report. She advised time was being spent offering support to landowners involved with the recent ecological survey and report.

The Biodiversity Officer advised a local landowner funding application to Transpower Landcare Trust for possum control to the value of \$2500 had been successful.

d) Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Report was presented by D Shovel. He advised the main focus of attention this year had been on outside dining and the risks associated with cross contamination from birds, rodents and other wildlife.

The Environmental Health Officer advised a full audit and review of the draft Public Health Risk Management Plans had been undertaken in

readiness to issue to Council for comment with the final draft expected to be available by the end of November.

A temporary boil water notice issued to Kincaid Water Supply users on 16 September was expected to be lifted following an inspection later in the day of the new chorline dosing system.

A boil water notice issued to Fernleigh Water Supply users on 7 October was lifted on 19 October following three consecutive clear samples being received.

The Environmental Health Officer advised the revised Drinking Water Standards 2005 had been released and would become effective from 1st January 2006. He advised Local Authorities could chose to either adopt the new Drinking Water Standards 2005 or alternatively remain with the 2000 Drinking Water Standards.

A copy of the revised 2005 Drinking Water Standards was requested.

Seafest Report

A site assessment report of Seafest was tabled at the meeting which identified areas of concern as follows:

1. Water Supply

The method of transferring potable water about the venue required reviewing for quality and safety. It was also noted a number of food stalls did not have a supply of clean water at their sites.

2. Chilled Food Storage

It was noted bulk chilled food storage facilities had improved considerably on previous years, however temperatures were estimated as no food outlets had thermometers. This required reviewing for the next event given the high risk nature of many of the foods and meals served.

3. Toilet Facilities

Handwashing facilities were considered to be inadequate and required improvement for future events. Alcohol-gel dispensing units had been provided for handwashing however this method of washing was not adequate for soiled hands.

It was noted three portaloos were blocked off from use well before the event had concluded and further noted the number of toilets supplied at the event needed to be reviewed for future events.

The Environmental Health Officer commented there had been limited liaison between himself and the event organizers prior to and after the event which needed to be reviewed for future events.

The Chief Executive Officer advised various issues and concerns had been raised regarding host responsibility within local bars situated in the West End. The Environmental Health Officer advised he was looking at

raising the profile in Kaikoura by way of additional monitoring. He advised it was up to individuals to have a written policy on how they dealt with intoxication, safe transport, and safe alcohol consumption.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer advised Statutory Planning expenses were higher than normal due to environmental court issues Council had been subjected to over the past few months.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the Environmental Services Reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05am.