

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

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DATE: 9 September 2009

REFERENCE:

SUBJECT: BUDGET CARRYOVERS – UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Engineering Services Committee to carry over some of the 2008/2009 approved Utilities budget into the 2009/2010 financial year.

2 COMMENT

The reason for the carryover of the 2008/2009 Utilities budget is to ensure the continuation of the contracted work that commenced in the 2008/2009 financial year. It is also to resolve land and resource consent issues that staff have been working through during the year.

The attached spreadsheet outlines the proposed budgets to be carried over. All of the budgets are loan-funded and this will not have any effect on proposed rates.

3 BACKGROUND

A number of projects commenced in the 2008/2009 financial year. The works have continued and the budget carryovers are required to ensure that these can be completed. Staff have also been dealing with a number of land purchase issues in the Richmond West and Richmond East areas mainly relating to stormwater and water. None of the land issues have been finalised but will be pursued following the release of the Richmond West zoning.

A number of transportation projects that required design were spread over two years. Other projects are still continuing and due to be completed soon with the improving weather. Some projects are yet to be initiated and will be carried out shortly.

4 SUMMARY OF CARRYOVERS

As detailed in the attached spreadsheet a summary of the funding to be carried over into the 2009/2010 financial year budgets is as follows:

	Approved budget \$	Proposed carryover \$
Stormwater	3,371,546	1,743,388
Wastewater	10,434,937	8,579,681
Water	3,130,473	2,724,347
Solid Waste	448,782	253,111
Transportation	973,994	258,763
Coastal	1,024,450	980,278
Total	19,384,182	14,539,568

A table is attached providing more details of the budget carryovers for the Committees information.

5 FINANCIAL

The proposed carryover from the 2008/2009 approved budget is \$14,539,568. All of the carryovers are loan funded, contributions and/or rates as identified in the spreadsheet.

The sums to be carried over have been checked by Corporate Services and are correct as at 1 July 2009.

6 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee approves the 2008/2009 Engineering Services budget carryovers into the 2009/2010 financial year.

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