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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Environment & Planning Committee
Meeting Date: Thursday, 9 August 2012
Report Author: Stuart Bryant, Chair, Environment & Planning Committee
Subject: **ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report REP12-08-10

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1. RMA PLANNING WORKSHOP

An opportunity to have an in-house trainer from Auckland University is being considered for 25 September. The training, entitled "Effective Leadership for Councillors Developing RMA Plans" course covers what constitutes a good plan and how to provide effective leadership when plans are formulated or reviewed. Although the majority of councillors are very familiar with the process it is always good to learn new skills; for both first term councillors and old hands, to have the opportunity to learn how we can contribute to this aspect of our responsibilities.

2. RIVERS WORKING PARTY

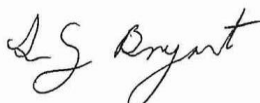
Following discussion at a recent Engineering Committee meeting, a working party is to be set up to discuss river gravel management. The working party comprises the Chief Executive, Engineering and Environment & Planning Chairs, and industry stakeholders. I also believe we will need to give the community an opportunity to participate and express their opinions.

3. RICHMOND WEST

Richmond West appeals are close to complete settlement by agreement, two are with the Environment Court as agreements on small changes (Metlifecare, Hunter Nominees) and the two significant ones staff have had agreed changes awaiting final signoff for some time (Richmond West Group and Cephas Group). Once these are finalised, changes around the release sequence of land following servicing, and minor amendments to clarify the status of some retail, will be made in the plan.

4. RURAL REVIEW

Recent media comment around the subdivision of our highly versatile Rural 1 land has again focussed debate on how we manage the subdivision of rural land. Councillors will be aware that a project is underway looking at the issues that we will soon have to consider. I have asked the Environment & Planning Manager to provide a status report.



Stuart Bryant
Chair, Environment & Planning Committee