CHAIRMANS REPORT

FINANCE AND PREFORMANCE 27 MARCH 25

Copy of my Verbal Report

To open my report today Id like to thank our CFO. It can be a challenge for our Council attracting the right capability, I am incredibly thankful given the mountain of projects on the Council table, we've got not the 'right tree in the right place' but the right CFO at the right time. Please pass on our appreciation to your team as well.

Last week we held some community meetings around Local Water Done Well. Thank you to those in Marton particularly for attending. Our consultation document is available on our website and the Mayor has a summary of the implications in his report today. DIA factsheets may also be helpful.

On page 16 our Loans by Activity table, shows in essence three waters currently represents 60% of our total budgeted debt, comprising some \$44 million.

This is the biggest change facing our Council since the amalgamation of County Councils in 1989. Please take the opportunity to have your say.

This afternoon we look to approve our Annual Plan for Consultation, so it certainly feels like there is 'a lot of balls in the air'.

Councillor Fi Dalgety Chair of Finance & Performance