

25 August 2020

Official Information Request No. 8140007189
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

William Foster
By email – fyi-request-13383-dfeae38c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear William

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

Re: Enhancing Local Government for Aucklanders

I refer to your email, which we received on 26 July 2020, requesting information about progress on response to Local Government Commission recommendations.

Your request was as follows:

May I please have copies of any documents produced to discuss or review progress on following-up Council's plans and promises in its November 2018 Auckland Council Report to the Local Government Commission: "Enhancing Local Government for Aucklanders".

In particular, may I have copies of any reports of results from, or covering the status of, the Service Level variability review started in July 2018 - phases One, Two and Three and proposals to deal with different service levels across the region in response to Recommendation 9 of the Local Government Commission from its March 2018 report.

Please find our response to your request below:

Staff have been working with elected members on issues relating to the 'Governance Framework Review' through the Joint Governance Working Party, which comprises members of the governing body and local board members. This review includes a review of decision-making around service levels.

A formal report to the Governing Body was planned for earlier this year but the council's response to COVID-19 recovery has intervened and affected progress with the review. Attached is a presentation to the Joint Governance Working Party prior to the 2019 elections. Also attached is a presentation to be made to the meeting of the Joint Governance Working Party on 25 August 2020.

The decision to release this information to you was made by Rose Leonard, General Manager (Acting), Democracy Services.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No. 8140007189.

Yours sincerely



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