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Dear Brian

**Response to official information request for the Proposed District Plan Change 18 Costs - Plimmerton Farm**

I refer to your request for official information received 13 April 2021 relating to Proposed District Plan Change 18 Costs - Plimmerton Farm. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

**1. A record of the Council's initial budget**

The Council didn't have a specific budget for Plan Change 18. The Environment and City Planning team budget is the budget used for plan changes generally.

**2. A record of the Council's approved budget**

The approved Environment and City Planning Budget for the 2020/21 financial year is \$1.624m, as set out in Council's Long-term Plan. This budget is used to support various RMA planning processes on a non-recoverable basis, including Plan Change 18.

**3. A record of the Council's expectations about recovery of costs from Plimmerton Development Ltd (PDL);**

This is set out in Section 4.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding between Porirua City Council and Plimmerton Developments Ltd, included below:

*"4.2 PDL will bear the costs of preparation (including review) of the proposed plan change and the SPP, provided that:*

- (a) The Council provides regular estimates of its costs, and invoices on a monthly basis, so that there are no surprises in respect of the Council's costs.*
- (b) Any unforeseen costs (i.e. those that are not identified in Schedule 2 to this MOU) incurred by the Council are to be discussed with PDL prior to invoices being issued to recover those costs.*
- (c) The Council will consider any concerns and reasonable requests by PDL to reduce costs, including to minimise duplication of the work undertaken by PDL, and all endeavour to meet any such requests. In this context, PDL however acknowledges that the Council intends to undertake a peer review of the work undertaken in relation to key effects and risk areas including (but not limited to) issues raised by tangata whenua, ecology, key stakeholders and the outcome of consultation and the Council reserves the right to engage consultants to undertake this work.*

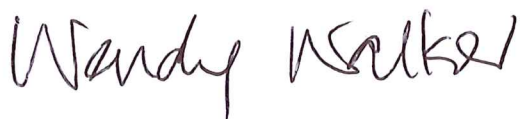
(d) *The Council and PDL agree to discuss any issues regarding the Council's related process costs in good faith and in accordance with the principles set out in Section 2 of this MOU.*

**4. A record of the costs actually incurred by the Council, a record of the costs able to be recovered from PDL and a record of the costs actually recovered from PDL.**

The financial information requested is enclosed in the attached spreadsheet

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Stewart Mackenzie at [stewart.mackenzie@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:stewart.mackenzie@porirua.govt.nz).

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