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Official information request 8140014173
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Ms Wannan

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Tēnā koe Ms Wannan

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Re: Request for cost breakdown of sculpture erected at Albany Hall

Thank you for your email dated 14 July 2024, in which you requested information about the total cost of the sculpture that has been erected on the grass verge in front of Albany Hall, located in Albany Village on Library Lane. The specific details of your request and our response are below.

I am writing to formally request the total cost of the Māori sculpture that has been erected on the grass verge in front of Albany Hall, located in Albany Village on Library Lane. Specifically, I would like to receive a detailed breakdown of costs associated with this project, including expenses related to consultation, design, materials, labor, and any other relevant expenditures from inception to final completion.

Prior to the creation of Auckland Council in 2010, residual funding from the legacy North Shore City Council for the purposes of arts and culture was reallocated through the Auckland Regional Services Trust (ARST) to four northern local boards in accordance with the Community Grants Policy and Local Board Funding Policy. The Upper Harbour Local Board was allocated \$55,650 of this funding. According to the legacy criteria, the funding could only be used “for arts projects of regional significance which occur within North Shore City and contribute to the regional arts environment.”

On 19 November 2018, the Upper Harbour Local Board resolved to grant the ARST funding allocation to Manuhiri Kaitiaki Charitable Trust to develop one or several public art installations in the Albany area, intending to tell the stories of Ngāti Manuhiri iwi, noting that this allocation was to give effect to the relationship agreement signed by the local board and Ngāti Manuhiri in December 2017.

A funding agreement was developed and signed in April 2019, releasing the \$55,560 funding allocation to Ngāti Manuhiri to enable installation of a sculpture of respected tupuna and chief Te Haa Kaiaraara at the identified location in Albany.

Completion of a sculpture in Albany was impacted by the global Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in delays sourcing relevant services and materials and taking production costs beyond the initial \$55,560 funding allocation. The Upper Harbour local board allocated

\$20,000 from their 2023/2024 locally driven initiatives (LDI) budget towards completion of the sculpture project which included transportation, construction of a plinth and installation at the agreed site in Albany.

This funding was approved as lump sum grants allowing for flexible use of the funding allowing the delivery of the arts and culture outcomes which the funding was intended for and allowing Ngāti Manuhiri to share their stories.

*Therefore, the total cost was **\$75 560** (excl GST).*

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Darryl Soljan, Head of Community Delivery – Community Wellbeing.**

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman if you believe we have not responded appropriately to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140014173.

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