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Dear Mr Randle

Request for information OIA 2017-014 – follow up

On 21 January 2018 Greater Wellington Regional Council's (GWRC) received the following request for information from you (OIA 2018-014):

“1) Can I please have a copy of any Reports, presentations or workshop material on the public transport costs and supporting funding of the new PT network since September 2017 ? Please include any appendices.

2) Can I please have a copy of any Reports, presentations or workshop material on the impact of the public transport costs on fares and/or the Farebox Recovery Ratio for the new PT network since September 2017 ? Please include any appendices.

3) Can I please have a copy of the detailed Farebox Recovery calculations that includes the public transport costs of the new PT network ?

4) Can I please have a copy of the detailed public transport costs for the new PT network used in the calculation of the Farebox Recovery as outlined in 2) ?

5) Can I please have a copy of the detailed revenue estimates for the new PT network used in the calculation of the Farebox Recovery as outlined in 2) ?

If the requested information is held in electronic form, I would prefer it was provided in its complete and original electronic format. I would also prefer that all correspondence be via the FYI web site.”

On 19 February 2018, GWRC provided you with a response to your request for information. You were advised that the information sought by you would be provided after the Council meeting on 14 March 2018.

On 8 March 2018, in response to a query from you, GWRC clarified that our response to your requests would include:

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“GWRC’s responses to your requests under items 2), 3), 4) and 5); we will provide you with the following information after the Council meeting on 14 March 2018:

Response under item 2) GWRC will provide you with a copy of the GWRC 2018/19 proposed budget and public transport funding impact statements that will be included in the consultation documents for the Long Term Plan (LTP) after the Council meeting on 14 March 2018.

Response under item 3) GWRC will provide you with a copy of farebox recovery calculations as part of reporting on compliance with the farebox recovery policy and review of budget provisions in LTP, once it is finalised and after the Council meeting on 14 March 2018.

Responses under items 4) and 5) GWRC will provide you with a copy of the costs, revenue and funding information associated with the implementation of the new bus network that will be included in the consultation documents for the LTP after the Council meeting on 14 March 2018.”

GWRC’s response to your request follows:

GWRC 2018/19 proposed budget and public transport funding impact statements

The GWRC’s proposed budget including the projected sources and application of operating funding for public transport activities for 2018/19 and the years after is provided on pages 102 and 103 of the consultation documents for the proposed Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

The proposed budget and funding information is available in the document at the following link: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/2018-uploads/Supporting-Information-to-the-Consultation-document-Final-for-consultatoin.pdf>.

The LTP 2018-2028 consultation documents are currently open for public feedback and can be accessed from the following link:

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/we-re-investing-in-our-region-greater-wellington-10-year-plan/>

Farebox recovery calculations

Attached are electronic copies of a spreadsheet that contains the farebox recovery calculations that GWRC has undertaken as part of the Long Term Plan process for 2018-2028. A summary of the calculations is included in the report 2018.71 to the Council meeting held on 14 March 2018. The report can be accessed from the following link:

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/committee-meetings-calendar/detail/7450>

As requested, we have provided you with the data and calculations undertaken by GWRC in its complete and original form.

Please note that in the attached documents, the projected cost information relating to the bus, rail and ferry contracts in the Wellington Region has been withheld in accordance with sections 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the grounds that releasing the breakdown of the cost estimates would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the operators when negotiating similar contracts, and the GWRC's ability to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations for the upcoming contracts.

We have therefore, provided you with this information in two formats:

- **Attachment 1(a):** is an electronic copy of the spreadsheet farebox recovery calculation (with the projected cost information relating to the bus and rail contracts in the Wellington Region deleted) in a format that gives the formulae
- **Attachment 1(b):** is an electronic copy of the spreadsheet (with the projected cost estimate information relating to the bus and rail contracts deleted) in a format that gives the figures but does not give the formulae behind the figures

Please note that with these formats the following changes will happen in Attachment 1(a):

- Values in the 'Summary' at the bottom of the worksheet 'Ess Expenses' are affected. This has occurred because the formulae in that part of the document rely on the redacted values in the columns above. Please note that the formulae will still be able to be seen in the formulae bar.
- The table in the worksheet 'Calc-Proposed' have formulae that use values from the worksheet 'Ess Expenses'. Where there is a link between worksheets, the totals and subtotals in the worksheets with formulae will be incorrect as some may require data from the redacted cells. Please note that where data has been deleted from cells, the values of the cells become zero.

The current Farebox Recovery Policy formula has been used for the calculation of the farebox recovery ratios in the attached spreadsheets.

The projected farebox recovery ratios are calculated for individual modes and for the entire network. The projected user contribution rates are also provided as per the Long Term Plan process along with the farebox recovery projections.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs GWRC's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested information. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs GWRC's reason for withholding parts of the document under the grounds identified above.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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