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Dear Mr Hassall

## Request for information 2018-350

I refer to your request for information dated 22 November 2018, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council on 22 November 2018. You have requested the following information:

*“Firstly, I am yet to receive the following requested information outlined in my reply of 27 August 2018:*

*4. RE Attachment 1: Presentation 28 July 2017 LTP Finance Working Group Workshop: This outlines four initial options as well as the “Assessment of the Option” framework and “Next Steps” stated to be “Model PT Rate Options”.*

*Can I please have a copy of the meeting agenda and minutes of 28 July 2017 LTP Finance Working Group Workshop?*

*- I am yet to receive a copy of the workshop minutes as requested on 27 August 2018.*

*6. Can I please have a copy of the final “Assessment of the Option” ratings for each of the four options as outlined as the next step to the 28 July 2017 LTP Finance Working Group Workshop?*

*- I am yet to receive a copy of the “Assessment of the Option” ratings for each of the options as requested on 27 August 2018.*

*7. Attachment 2: Discussion Paper Council Working Group 20 September 2017 Public Transport Review of Revenue Financing Policy: This document outlines two options for further consideration as well as the initial Benefit Ratios for different ratepayer groups under the “Level of Benefit Option”. It states “These suggested differentials were derived in a series of workshops with economics, policy, finance, and public transport staff, exploring the relative benefits and impacts of public transport”.*

*Can I please have a copy of the meeting or management decision that eliminated two of the initial four options as well as the assessing information on which this decision was based?*

RESPONSE TO 2018-350



*- I am yet to receive a copy of the meeting or management decision that eliminated two of the initial four options as well as the assessing information on which this decision was based as requested on 27 August 2018.*

*Furthermore, in regards to my question 8, I asked for:*

*“The meeting agendas, presentation information and minutes for the “series of workshops with economics, policy, finance, and public transport staff, exploring the relative benefits and impacts of public transport”, including the time and place of the workshops as well as a list of all who attended these workshops.”*

*The GWRC response was “The series of workshops referred to did not have agendas and were not minuted.”*

*As for the Councillor workshops, I ask for and want to know what information the GWRC does have about “series of workshops with economics, policy, finance, and public transport staff”.*

*A) For each of these “workshops with economics, policy, finance, and public transport staff”, can you please provide the date/time, location, attendees and any workshop information provided to the attendees (either before, during or after the workshop)?*

*B) It is disappointing that no minutes were kept of the workshops but could I also please have a copy of the meeting notes from these workshops that were used as the basis of the information in Section 6.4 of the 20 September Councillor Workshop discussion paper?”*

Greater Wellington Regional Council’s response follows.

4. Greater Wellington Regional Council workshops are not minuted, unlike the Council Meetings, therefore the minutes for the 28 July 2018 Council workshop cannot be provided on the basis that they do not exist (section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act)).
6. I attach the summary “Assessment of Options” table that was used as the basis for discussion at the Working group meeting.
7. This information cannot be provided, as the decision to eliminate two of the rating options arose out of the consultation with Councillors at the 28 July 2017 Council workshop where the preferences were indicated verbally. As previously advised, the Council workshops are not minuted.
- 8.A) The dates, times, locations and invited attendees were provided to you in the request for information sent on 12 November 2018. The only information presented to the attendees was by way of the discussion papers that you have previously received.

8.B) This information cannot be provided on the basis that the information does not exist (section 17(e) of the Act). The “series of workshops with economics, policy, finance, and public transport staff, exploring the relative benefits and impacts of public transport” referred to in section 6.4 of the 20 September 2017 discussion paper did not have meeting notes or minutes taken.

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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**Attachment 1:** Assessment of Options in PT Rates Discussion 28 July 2017