

## By email

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Dear Ms Smith

### Request for information 2018-285 – response

I refer to your request for information dated 11 October 2018 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 11 October 2018. You initially requested the following information:

*“Can I have a copy of all the regular (eg monthly) project update reports from the Wellington Bus Network Implementation Project Director to GWRC management from October 2017 until now ?*

*Can I have a copy of all the reports and presentations to the GWRC Executive Management Team meetings about the Wellington Bus Network from October 2017 until now ?*

*Can I also have a copy of the meeting minutes related to the above ?*

*Can I have a copy of any and all bus timetable changes made since the new Wellington Bus Service started on the 15th of July ?”*

On 26 October, GWRC advised you that as it stood your request was for a substantial amount of information. In response, you requested that we explain the parts of your request that made it substantial. You also made a minor amendment to your original request for timetable changes as follows:

*“Can I have a copy of any and all bus timetable changes made or planned to be made this year since the new Wellington Bus Service started on the 15th of July ?”*

On 31 October, GWRC provided you with information, which set the volume of information included in your request (approximately 1000 pages to be reviewed). Planned timetable changes, as set out in Report 18.547 Implementation of new bus network – October update, were attached.

On 1 November, you amended your request as follows:

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*“OK. Would it make it easier to reduce the timeframe from since October 2017 to just the months of May, June and July 2018 ?*

*Also, when I asked for the timetables that have changed or planned to change, what I really want is the actual new timetables for each of the routes. OK ?”*

On 1 November, GWRC advised you that amending your request would make it easier to manage. In addition, you were provided with a link to the Metlink website that sets out new timetables and timetable changes which are due to occur on 11 November.

On 1 November, you replied and requested future timetable changes due to occur after the 11 November changes.

On 2 November, GWRC advised you that future timetables were yet to be developed.

On 5 November, you requested the following in relation to changes planned for February 2019 as set out in report 18.457 (the report previously provided to you):

*“Can you please tell me when the timetables for these changes will be prepared and told to the bus operators?”*

On 5 November, you were advised that the draft documents had been provided to the relevant bus operator.

On 6 November, you requested a copy of the February 2019 timetables.

On 7 November, GWRC advised that it would prefer not to send the draft timetables.

On 8 November, you advised that you would still like a copy of the draft timetables.

On 9 November, GWRC advised you that it has elected to withhold the draft timetables.

On 9 November, GWRC advised you that it was necessary for us to extend the timeframe to respond to your request due to consultations necessary.

**Response to that part of your request (as amended) for meeting reports**

GWRC has identified the following documents that fall within the scope of your request: PTPP Transition Management Board Order Papers (which include meeting minutes, project director updates and reports) for the following meetings: 7 May, 14 May, 5 June, 18 June, 25 June, 2 July and 11 July.

GWRC has elected to withhold certain parts of these documents in accordance with sections 7(2)(b)(ii), 7(2)(f)(i), 7(2)(g), 7(2)(i) and 7(2)(j) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the grounds that withholding the information is necessary to:

- protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; or
- maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority; or
- maintain legal professional privilege; or
- enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); or
- prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

You will also see that we have not included information that does not relate to the implementation of the bus network.

Due to the size of the documents, we are unable to send them to you electronically. They have been placed on a USB drive which, as agreed, will be posted to you.

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

You have the right, under section 27(3) of the Act, to make a complaint about this extension to the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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