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Dear Mr Randle

Request for information OIA 2017-127

I refer to your request for information dated 17 October 2017, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 17 October 2017. You have requested the following information:

"The GWRC committed to a Review of the Transport Rates as part of the 2015-18 Long Term Plan (See page 17 of the LTP [Overview http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Plans--Publications/LTP-2015-25/Accessible-versions/2-Long-Term-Plan-2015-18-Section-1Oct15.pdf](http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Plans--Publications/LTP-2015-25/Accessible-versions/2-Long-Term-Plan-2015-18-Section-1Oct15.pdf)).

However, in November 2015, the GWRC decided to "delay the review of rates funding for public transport until the Local Government Commission has announced their proposals for local governance improvements for the Wellington region" (refer Report 15.511 "Public Transport Rates Funding Review" http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/council-reports/Report_PDFs/2015.511.pdf)

The Public Transport Rates Funding Review report further states that:

"It is therefore recommended that the development of options for funding the rates share of public transport is delayed, with the timeline to be reassessed in mid-2016 once the Local Government Commission has announced their final proposals for local governance improvements."

Can I please have any GWRC reports, meeting notes, correspondence or other information related to the reassessment of the timeline for the review of the Transport Rates as outlined in this report ? In particular, I ask for any information held that the Transport Rates Review will be part of the upcoming Long Term Plan.

If this information is held in electronic form, I would prefer it was provided to me in its complete and original electronic format. I also would prefer for correspondence on this information request be via the FYI web site."

RESPONSE_TO_OIA_2017-127

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GWRC's response follows:

The scoping and reassessment of timing for a review of the GWRC's public transport funding was re-considered in mid-2016 following the Council's resolution on 29 June 2016 to undertake a review of the fares and ticketing components of the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan (PT Plan).

Through a series of papers to the Executive Leadership Team, the decision was made to incorporate the review of public transport funding into the wider review of the Council's Revenue and Financing policy as part of the preparation for the development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Attachments 1 and 2 provide details on the scope and timing for the review of public transport funding. Please note the recommendations in Attachment 1 were not endorsed and the timing set out in these papers was indicative only. The original copy of Attachment 1 included information relating to the estimated budget for the review. This information has been removed from the attachment as it was outside the scope of the information you have requested.

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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Yours sincerely



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