

7 April 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 25 March 2021 for information regarding Elected Members oversight of budgets.

Budgets are considered and approved by elected members as part of Long Term Plan and Annual Plan considerations. Detailed information is reported to elected members to support these decisions.

To support elected member consideration of individual project budgets, supporting information is required to be provided including project details, risks, assumptions, as well as costs and funding. For more significant projects, there is further detailed reporting to

- the relevant committee (e.g. Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee),
- Major Projects Board
- and other more informal meetings (such as briefings) where details such as project scope and design are refined with input from elected members.

Consultation on the Draft Long Term Plan is currently underway and closes on the 6 May 2021. We encourage you to have a look at [10yearplan.huttcity.govt.nz](http://10yearplan.huttcity.govt.nz)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Yours sincerely

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