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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 28 January 2021 for information regarding RiverLink Financial Clarifications.

On your email 28 January you stated:

“At an open Council briefing on the RiverLink project on 27 January officers indicated their intention to request an additional \$9.8M in funding for the RiverLink project (bringing the total to be sought to \$111M from a current budget of \$50-60M) but noted that this would be offset by \$6.5M in capital subsidies from Waka Kotahi.

“Can you please confirm:”

“The total confirmed funding for the RiverLink project in Hutt City Council's 2020-21 Annual Plan (\$121.5M)”

Response: The total RiverLink budget to be included as a part of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan (not the 2020-21 Annual Plan) is \$121.5M (all numbers are inflation adjusted).

“What the \$6.5M of capital subsidies from Waka Kotahi is tagged for (i.e. will be required to be spent on) and;

Response: The \$6.5M of capital subsidies from Waka Kotahi will be required to be spent on the development of roading assets associated with the RiverLink project.

“Whether receiving the \$6.5M of capital subsidies from Waka Kotahi is contingent on HCC approving the latest budget increase request of \$9.8M”.

Response: The receipt of the \$6.5M capital subsidies is contingent on a successful bid to the Waka Kotahi regional land transport fund.

“Additionally, for many years reporting to this Council noted that a new Bus Interchange and Connections remained an unfunded part of the project. Can you please confirm whether this will now be a funded part of the project with a full budget now being requested”.

Response: A new bus interchange and connections will be considered and prioritised once the estimation of costs is completed which is currently underway by an independent quantity surveyor.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Ngā mihi,

Kara