

15 December 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

### **LGOIMA request for information related to Mayor's recommendations**

We refer to your LGOIMA request dated 25 August regarding information related to the Mayor's recommendations about the Cross Valley Connection project which were considered and agreed at the meeting of full Council on 28 July 2020.

You have asked whether officers were consulted about recommendation (v), copied below, and their feedback:

*agrees to explore options to accelerate stage three of the emerging preferred programme for the Cross Valley Transport, recognising that the construction of a new east to west corridor will be the most impactful part of the programme*

In response to your request:

Mayor Barry met with officers on 14 July 2020 to receive a briefing on the Cross Valley Connection (CVC) Programme Business Case – this included a discussion about the emerging preferred programme.

At that meeting the Mayor sought advice from officers on the timeframes for the construction of the east west corridor, and in particular whether stage three of the programme could be accelerated.

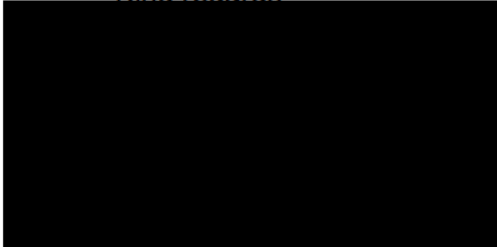
Officers advised the Mayor that the sequencing of the programme had some linkage to the Petone to Grenada project – and that in order to accelerate the substantive work for CVC it would effectively require successful lobbying of central government to decouple the projects. In this respect, feedback from officers was that the decision to accelerate would be a political judgment.

Officers also noted the final programme for CVL would be confirmed as part of work on the Detailed Business Case, and could be subject to change.

If you have any issues with our response or wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on [jarred.griffiths@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:jarred.griffiths@huttcity.govt.nz).

You also 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.

Kind regards



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