

31 March

Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your official information request dated 25 March for information regarding traffic capital expenditure.

Unfortunately, we do not hold the information you requested. We have previously provided you with the information outlined below.

**On 13 February 2021 you requested:**

1. On Page 88 of the agenda is the following table which shows a projected net operating deficit of \$17.5M for the 2021/22 year. Can I please be provided with this figure for every year of the plan?
2. 'Page 83 of the agenda shows that DLTP 2021-31 includes \$355.4M in capital expenditure for Transport. Can I please have this figure broken down by investment in the different modes (i.e. general road, public transport, walking, cycling)?'

**On 18 March we answered your questions as outlined below:**

1. We provided a table comparison of the Annual Plan 2020/21 and projected DLTP 2021/22
2. 'We do not have these numbers as the portion of capital budgets spent on each mode has not been determined at this stage'

**On 18 March you asked:**

1. 'Can you please find out for me when these numbers will be available?'

**On 25 March we replied with:**

'Programmes of work for our more generic capital budgets are normally determined in the preceding year, although changing circumstances and priorities can result in final work programmes being adjusted in the year they are delivered. So the answer to when all the work programmes that make up our capital budget for 2021-31 is over the next 10 years.'

**On 25 March you replied with:**

1. 'If this is the case how do Elected Members have oversight of where the budgets they are approving are spent?'
  - o We are still working on this response

**On 25 March you also sent through a new request for information regarding traffic capital expenditure, you requested:**

1. The proportion of the full \$355.4M transport capital expenditure budget that 'generic capital budgets' comprise.
2. A full breakdown of these 'generic capital budgets' into their respective budget lines over the ten year period.
3. The balance of the full \$355.4M transport capital expenditure budget broken down by investment in the different modes (i.e. general road, public transport, walking, cycling).
4. The full transport capital expenditure budget broken down by investment in the different modes (i.e. general road, public transport, walking, cycling) for the 2011-2021 period.

We note the draft Long Term Plan which is publically available on the Council website details the transport budgets at a capital project level.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the information you have requested is not held.

We answer your information requests as helpfully as we can, but the high volume of requests and follow up queries detract from the work that needs to be done. Beyond this response we do not propose to engage in any further comment on matters that have already been responded to.

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.

If you want to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact John Gloag, Head of Transport, City and Community Services, [John.Gloag@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:John.Gloag@huttcity.govt.nz). Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Yours sincerely

Hutt City Council