

## By email

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Dear Mr Randle

## Request for information OIA 2017-142

I refer to your request for information dated 18 November 2017, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 18 November 2017. You have requested the following information further to our response of 15 November 2017 to your previous request for information regarding reassessment of the timeline for the review of public transport funding dated 17 October 2017:

*“The original information request as for "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”*

*RE the provided Memo New initiative – Public Transport Funding Review (12 July 2016)*

*1) This Memo was for "ELT". A copy of the agenda and ELT meeting minutes of the meeting where this report was requested would be "other information related to the reassessment of the timeline for the review of the Transport Rates" and is yet to be provided. Can meeting agenda and meeting minutes associated with the provided report also be provided ?*

*RE the provided Memo Public Transport Funding Review (16 December 2016)*

*2) This Memo was for "ELT". A copy of the agenda and ELT meeting minutes of the meeting where this report was requested would be "other information related to the reassessment of the timeline for the review of the Transport Rates" and is yet to be provided. Can meeting agenda and meeting minutes associated with the provided report also be provided ?”*

GWRC’s response follows:

Attached are extracts from the agenda items and minutes of the meetings of the GWRC’s Executive Leadership Team (ELT) held on 18 July and 16 December 2016, that specifically relate to the reassessment of the timing for review of public transport funding memo to ELT dated 12 July 2016.

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Please note that the original copies of the agenda and minutes of the ELT meetings cover a wide range of matters relating to various functions of GWRC which are out of the scope of the information you have requested. The attached extracts are complete snapshot copies of the original agenda and minutes that contain the specific 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



**Wayne Hastie**  
General Manager, Public Transport

**Attachment to OIA 2017-142**

**Extracts of the agenda items and minutes of the ELT meetings regarding reassessment of the timing for reassessment of the public transport funding**

**Agenda item – ELT meeting of 18 July 2016**

2.2	New initiative – Public Transport Funding Review – paper attached
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**Minutes of the meeting – ELT meeting of 18 July 2016**

2.2	<p><b>New initiative – Public Transport Funding Review – Paul Kos</b></p> <p>Discussion held on funding of the rates share of public transport. The overall objective for the review is to establish a public transport funding policy that is fair, simple and transparent, with a defensible rationale based on the distribution of benefits.</p> <p>Finance would lead the broader review. Public Transport (PT) funding issues</p>
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	<p>associated to the PT Fares Review will need to be managed and incorporated into the broader rates review process. Approach should be set out in a paper to the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee, but needs to come back to ELT prior.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>ELT agreed to the following Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not agree to initiate a Public Transport Funding Review - <i>ELT did not endorse initiating a review as proposed in the paper, but rather the preference was to incorporate PT funding into a broader Council wide review of rates funding.</i></li> <li>• Noted that, subject to ELT endorsement, a paper setting out the scope and process will be reported to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee on 22 September 2016.</li> <li>• Indicated the preferred approach to Councillor involvement.</li> <li>• Noted that further work on timing and linkages with the Fares Policy Review will be developed through the development of a project plan.</li> <li>• Noted that the budget for this new initiative may need to be increased, and that this will be reported back to ELT following the preparation of project plan.</li> </ul>
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**Agenda item – ELT meeting of 16 December 2016**

<b>2.16</b>	PT Funding Review 2016 – Scope paper attached
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**Minutes of the meeting – ELT meeting of 16 december 2016**

<b>2.16</b>	<p><b>PT Funding Review 2016 – Scope paper – Wayne Hastie</b></p> <p>In July this year ELT considered a paper requesting work begin on the PT funding review. The decision was that it would be preferable to wrap the PT funding review into a wider review of Council's revenue and finance policy to commence in early 2017-18.</p> <p>PT funding model - it is proposed that work starts now, ahead of the wider revenue and financing policy review. This will enable detailed planning and budgeting for the 2018-21 Long Term Plan.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>ELT noted the following recommendation</b></p> <p><b>ELT noted</b> that the Public Transport Group is initiating the review of the public transport funding model. The review will clarify the policy rationale and consider rate</p>
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	funding options for public transport as an input to the wider review of the revenue and financing policy.
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