

21 February 2022

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**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: OIR 2122-195**

I refer to your information request we received on 11 February 2022, the Council's response is below each of your questions, as follows:

*I am writing to ask about your council's intentions re consultation on the draft Annual Plan (AP) 2022.*

*Federated Farmers takes a keen interest in council spending and rating policies, and regularly submits on most councils' LTP and annual plans. To help with our planning, I would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions:*

- 1. Will the council be consulting on the draft 2022 AP? And if so, on what date will consultation start?**

The Council has not yet determined whether it will be informing or consulting. This will be confirmed on 24 February when the Council meet to discuss the Annual Plan. If elected members decide to consult, then consultation will begin shortly after 24 March 2022.

- 2. Will the council invite formal submissions, or will other forms of consultation be used?**

If the Council agrees to consult, there will be an option for formal submissions and hearings on 5/6 May 2022. However, it is currently unknown whether the Council will consult or inform.

- 3. If the council invites submissions, what will the closing date be?**

If the Council invites submissions for consultation, the closing date will be approximately 3 to 4 weeks after the adoption of the Consultation Document, but consultation has not been confirmed at this stage. The time period for consultation will depend on the significance of issues.

- 4. Will the council hold hearings? And if so, what are the hearings dates?**

As above.

**5. Are there any significant issues the council will be seeking feedback on?**

This is yet to be determined on 24 February 2022 by elected members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark de Haast', written in a cursive style.

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