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21 October 2022

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Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act)

Thank you for your email of 28 September 2022 requesting the following information:

I appreciate this project has been shrouded by poor public communication (Jenkins report), compounded by covid and supply chain issues, but misinformation has got out of hand and it's time to get a clear picture.

Would you please let me have:

- 1. the original cost of the Te Uruhi project and its start date and proposed and finish date.**

The original budget for the Te Uruhi project was \$4.46m. The budget included Central Government funding of \$2.23m from the covid relief fund.

At the time of setting the budget council were working through the design and consent process so no fixed start date was identified. The proposed completion date for construction was indicated as March 2022.

- 2. a breakdown of the constituent parts of the current \$7.7 million budget.**

A breakdown of the constituent parts of the current \$7.75 million budget is shown below.

Building pods including fitout, substructure, site services	\$3.22 million
Project Contingency	\$657,000
Landscaping - external Works and Landscaping, bridge, Artwork and Cultural elements	\$1.22 million
Southern carpark	\$750,000
Other - Professional Fees, margins and P&G	\$1.90 million
Total	\$7.75 million

3. details of what physical work on the project has already been undertaken and at what individual costs.

Physical works that have been completed near the proposed Te Uruhi site were planned stormwater upgrades associated with renewal of the Tikotu Stream retaining walls and stormwater pipe relocation.

The above works were funded out of the council's stormwater budget. A cost of \$87,000 was attributed to the Te Uruhi project for the relocation of the stormwater pipe.

4. details of the specific work so far undertaken on the construction of a relocatable visitor centre.

Developed design for the relocatable visitor discovery centre and the biosecurity centre has been completed and detailed design has commenced.

There has been no construction work undertaken on the visitor centre or biosecurity centre.

5. confirmation that resource consent applications will not be proceeded any further until the newly-sworn in Council has had an opportunity to review.

The resource consent application has progressed as the current council resolution, passed by the previous council states *"That the final capex budget for Te Uruhi be subject to approval prior to tender by Council once the outcome of the resource consenting process is known and newly updated costings have been made available and requests an additional report to that effect"*.

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