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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 18/03/2021. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Can you tell us how much money Tara-Ika has cost the council so far? Was that ratepayer's money?

Infrastructure costs and physical works

With regard to physical works costs, Council has so far spent \$231,000 of its \$500,000 co-funded portion of the new bulk sewer main in Queen Street East. The \$500,000 Council co-fund is budgeted in the current 2018-2038 LTP.

Tara-Ika Master Plan development

With regard to the development of the Master Plan, Council has spent \$269,062 since 2018 on collaborating with stakeholders and landowners to design the Tara-Ika Master Plan. These costs relate to the design and technical work by external consultants and the administrative costs such as those associated with meetings and community engagement. The costs identified above do not include costs of Council officer time on the Master Plan, Council does not hold this information. The Master Plan costs have been funded through the rates collected by Horowhenua District Council.

District Plan Change (PC 4) development and process

With regard to the development of the District Plan Change associated with the Tara-Ika Master Plan, Council has spent \$46,083. These costs relate to the technical work by external consultants preparing reports to inform the plan change, contributing to and reviewing the District Plan Change, legal advice, and the administrative costs associated with the Plan Change process such as advertising and venue hire. District Plan costs are loan funded with the loan servicing costs spread across 10 years being the typical lifespan of District Plan provisions.

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on 06 366 0999 or email - LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,



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