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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 16/02/2021. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Media questions - Composting toilets & Poads Road Bridge

1. What is the Council's position on the installation of composting toilets?

No council document refers to composting toilets per se. As such, there is nothing preventing their installation. Section 11.3 of Council's document "Subdivision and Development Principles and Requirements 2014" does however stipulate the following:

11.3 Performance Criteria

The wastewater system shall include the following:

- Where the Horowhenua District Council wastewater system is available, provide a connection for each lot and where practicable renew existing earthenware pipes, servicing new developments.
- On-site systems (where required) are compatible with daily flow, wastewater characteristics and soil/site conditions so that effective assimilation of pollutants without exceeding the carrying capacity of the receiving environment is achieved.

2. Does the District Plan allow for the installation of composting toilets?

There is nothing in Council's documents that prevents the installation of a composting toilet. Section 11.3 of the aforementioned document would however remain applicable.

3. Why wasn't a report presented to January FAR committee on the Poads Road Bridge?

No report was provided to the January FAR Committee on Poads Road Bridge, as there was no update on the project at this time. The next report for Poads Road Bridge will be presented at the March meeting.

4. Also, background, even though \$538,000 was set aside for general bridge renewals in Year 4, (2021-2022) of Long Term Plan (2018-2038) there is no mention of the Poads Road Bridge as being funded in a list of Capital Expenditure for Land Transport in the Annual Plan 2020-2021. The question is, where therefore is the funding coming from?

Provision was made for the Poads Road bridge replacement in the 2018- 2038 Long Term Plan (under the title Subsidised Roding – Bridge Renewal) with the amount of \$506,000 sitting in Year 1 (2018/19). This was deferred to Year 2 while project details and procurement was finalised. However, due to Covid 19, contractors were unable to work during lockdown. This meant that the allowable window for working in the river (due to fish spawning) was missed and the project had to be deferred to year 3 (2020/21).

If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact Kevin Peel, Group Manager Infrastructure Operations on 06 366 0999 or email - kevinp@horowhenua.govt.nz.

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Yours sincerely,



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