## FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



25 June 2025

Tēnā koe

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA, and to provide the information requested.

In your request, you asked for information about the Valley Road trees, specifically:

• What is the amount budgeted for in the replanting/seeding project?

There is currently no budget allocated specifically for replanting as this project occurred after the commencement of the LTP 2024-34. The Council will apply for external funding to support planting which will commence in 2025-26 initially. Any additional funding required will be requested through the 2026/27 Annual Plan.

• What is the reason for the long period expected for the project's completion?

Planting will be spread over four years to meet our obligations under the Emissions Trading Scheme for replanting the site. The area is also too large to plant at once.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that this response may be published on the LGOIMA Response page our website. All personal information will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā

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