

## Response to LGOIMA request from Stuff.

21 May 2024

Dear Sinead,

Thanks for your email dated Wednesday 8 May 2024, in which you requested the following:

1. How much has your council budgeted for refreshments/food for elected members during your public hearings into your 2024-34 long-term plan?
2. If your council also feeds staff members meals during this time, how many staff members approximately?
3. A copy of the menu/list of what food will be/has been provided, and on which day.
4. An explanation of how kai choices were made (e.g. if health was taken into consideration and if councillors had a say in what made it onto the menu) and if the company preparing the food is owned by people who live in your district or city.

The Gore District Council resolved on Tuesday 5 March to defer the Long Term Plan and is completing an enhanced Annual Plan instead. Therefore, the above questions are not applicable.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Straith'.

Lorna Straith  
Interim Chief Executive Officer.