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Stephen Town
Chief Executive
Auckland Council
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Dear Stephen

**Statutory Levy 2018/19
Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT)**

MOTAT was created through the Museum of Transport and Technology Act 2000 (the Act). The Act sets out the objectives of the Museum, the annual plan process and the contribution by Auckland Council to MOTAT's funding.

Under the Act, the Museum is required to prepare and consult on their annual plan. The MOTAT Draft Annual Plan 2018/19 has been published for public consultation as per the Act. Under an Advisory and Management Agreement, Regional Facilities Auckland (RFA) is required to make a submission on the draft plan. Both a written and verbal submission was made by RFA to the MOTAT Draft Annual Plan.

The MOTAT Board considered the submissions to the plan and has provided the attached final Draft Annual Plan 2018/19. The Annual Plan sets out the activities MOTAT is looking to undertake during the plan year and the Museum's reasoning for the amount of levy.

A copy of RFA's submission to the annual plan is attached which reflects four key areas as a focus for MOTAT for the 2018/19 year. These include:

1. **Auckland's Cultural Heritage review:** working with MOTAT in relation to recommendations from the review.
2. **Performance measures:** MOTAT has continued with the performance measures previously agreed to, in addition further measures have been added and some of the existing measures have been strengthened.
3. **Promoting Auckland's Maori Identity:** We have asked MOTAT to consider during the plan year how it can further integrate Te Reo and Maori culture/Tikanga into its visitor interactions in future years and develop an appropriate target in this regard.
4. **Revenue sources:** RFA will continue to ask MOTAT to investigate how it can increase its revenue through existing and new initiatives and encourage MOTAT to continue this focus and consider how further operational efficiencies might be found.

The challenge for MOTAT, as articulated in the draft plan on page 6, is the remedial maintenance issues in relation to aging buildings and infrastructure. MOTAT have prepared a business case and have made application to the Long Term Plan (LTP) for funding for core projects within the MOTAT Athfield Masterplan. Whatever the outcome of the LTP application, we will continue to work with Auckland Council and MOTAT in this respect.

For background, the MOTAT Athfield Masterplan was developed in 2015 and outlines a renewal and upgrade programme for the buildings and infrastructure, to provide a more vibrant and inspiring environment for MOTAT visitors.

MOTAT Funding

MOTAT has decreased the amount of the levy from what was initially indicated. In addition, MOTAT has reduced the levy as provided in the 2017-18 financial year, as requested in last year's submission. While RFA supports the proposed levy of \$13,973,339, which is under the MOTAT levy cap, the final decision in relation to the levy is a matter for consideration and agreement by Auckland Council.

RFA will continue to provide advice and support to the Mayor and Auckland Council as the process continues. Auckland Council is the ultimate decision maker in relation to the level of funding that MOTAT receive and RFA has advised that the Mayor has stated that for organisations funded by council, an efficiency dividend maybe sought.

Yours sincerely



Chris Brooks
Chief Executive

Attachment: MOTAT Final Draft Annual Plan