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Regenerate Christchurch Work Programme Quarterly Status Report

To: Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Christchurch City Council

From: Ivan Lafeta

Date: 21 February 2019

Background
Attached is the Regenerate Christchurch Work Programme Status Report (Report) for the 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018 period. The Report provides a snapshot summary of Regenerate Christchurch’s performance across work programme priorities.

Content of the Report includes upcoming Ministerial notifications, major milestones achieved, financial commentary, and progress against key deliverables as set out by the 2018-19 Statement of Performance Expectations (SPE).

To follow is further information regarding the reporting period to be read alongside the attached Report:

Ötākaro Avon River Corridor
During the quarter covered by this report, Regenerate Christchurch prioritised accelerating completion of the Ötākaro Avon River Corridor Draft Regeneration Plan. This included extensive consultation with the parties listed in Section 29 of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act (Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Ötākaro Limited) and a five-week public notification period which closed on 19 December.

The acceleration of the Ötākaro Avon River Corridor Draft Regeneration Plan will enable Regenerate Christchurch to deliver the draft plan to the Minister three months earlier than indicated in the 2018/2019 Statement of Performance Expectations. The acceleration will be reflected in the next quarterly report (1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019) with an anticipated reduction in the year-to-date underspend.

Southshore South / South New Brighton
To ensure the success of this project, an internal review was initiated to assess the evolving scope and broader policy context. The review findings have been shared with officials ahead of planned discussions with shareholders. As a result, the project is currently reported as off track.

Key Outcomes since 31 December 2018
- Written comments on the draft regeneration plan have been analysed.
- Intensive work and engagement with the parties listed in Section 29 of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act has continued in finalising the draft Regeneration Plan and accompanying material for the Minister.
- Considerable engagement with Ötākaro Limited has continued to ensure it has the information needed to consent the Draft Regeneration Plan.
• Considerable engagement with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been undertaken to ensure it has the information needed to provide advice to the Minister for her consideration of the Draft Regeneration Plan.

Organisational Change and Scope of Works
Regenerate Christchurch continues to progress an internal change process to strategically pivot the organisation to ensure it has the ongoing capability to provide specialist regeneration advice. This pivot in focus and capability will ensure it continues to deliver against its statutory functions in a lean and agile manner, while maximising its influence by targeting key roadblocks to successful regeneration, leveraging the work of others and constantly adjusting to the changing dynamics faced by Christchurch. To achieve this, organisational capability in the strategic planning and policy areas has been increased and specialist skills in feasibility assessment and the provision of robust commercial perspectives (which considers commercial, political, environment and social impacts) has been introduced.

The forward scope of work for Regenerate Christchurch was agreed by the Board on 18 February 2019 and is ready to discuss with Shareholders. The scope of work has been informed by an evidence base which seeks to better understand Christchurch’s current state and potential obstacles and risks to regeneration, and provides advice to address these and achieve regeneration, including Regenerate Christchurch’s contribution.