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Official Information Request No. 8140010544
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Dear JC

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: position description and salary bands for the Mayors office

I refer to your email, which we received on 06 July 2022, requesting information about position descriptions and salary bands for each role in the Mayors office.

This information has been refused under Section 7(2)(f)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act - *the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment*.

We consider that the release of this information would enable more accurate guessing of individual staff salaries, as has occurred in the past. We consider the public interest in salary information is met by our release of the global figures for the Mayoral Office, along with information that is publicly available in our annual report concerning all staff earnings over a certain amount, which can be found at the following link:
<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-annual-reports/Pages/default.aspx>

It is not apparent that there is a public interest in position descriptions and salary bands for the Mayoral Office and we consider the likely harm of release to outweigh any limited public interest.

Decisions pertaining to the release of your information have been made by **Rose Leonard – Manager Governance Services**.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the [Office of the Ombudsman](#) to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No. 8140010544.

Yours sincerely



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