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Tēnā koe Max

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 28 September 2022 and subsequent email of 3 October 2022. You have asked for information about the Ombudsman's report on the investigation into Cr Chris Milne's complaint, specifically:

"...Please supply all emails sent or received to or from Hutt City Council email addresses, including internal emails, on both Thursday 22nd September 2022 and Friday 23rd September 2022 concerning the Ombudsman's report on the Investigation of Cr Milne's complaint to the Ombudsman.

For emails to external parties, please include in the response to this request:

- 1) the personal names and organisation names of the recipients*
- 2) the time and date of the emails*
- 3) the contents of emails*
- 4) who at Hutt City Council sent the emails.*

Specifically, please disclose who was blind copied into the email from the CEO to Councillors which was sent by the CEO just after 2pm on Friday 23rd September 2022.

Please disclose the any phone calls made by any Hutt City Council employee to external parties about this matter over the two days. Please include:

- 1) the personal names and organisation names of the people called.*
- 2) who at Hutt City Council made the calls*
- 3) the time and date of the phone calls*
- 4) the purpose of the phone calls."*

The information you have requested is enclosed, as follows:

1. Emails as requested, including details of sender, recipients, time, date and content. Please note that some information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of that individual. In doing so, we considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect the privacy of this individual.

2. Only one email was blind copied (BC) to other parties, this being the email from the Chief Executive to Councillors, the Council's Leadership Team, Kathryn Stannard and Bruce Hodgins, sent at 2.29pm on Friday 23rd September 2022. A screen shot of this is provided on page 3 of the attachments.
3. The Chief Executive had a telephone conversation with the independent Chair of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee on 23 September 2022. There are no notes of the phone call, but the purpose of the call was to agree an approach on how to deal with the report.
4. The report was discussed at the Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting of 28 September 2022. I refer you to page 4 of the minutes of this meeting, which are available on the Hutt City Council's website on the following link:
http://infocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/Open/2022/09/ARSC_28092022_MIN_3076_AT.PDF

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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Encl Emails dated 22 and 23 September 2022, relating to the report