

24 June 2021

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Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 25 June 2021:

We refer to information received from the Serious Fraud Office that they wrote to Campbell Barry in terms which included the following: "We note that you received advice from the Council's General Counsel in relation to managing any potential conflicts of interest arising from your purchase and ownership of the property. We agree with the advice provided and consider that you should adhere to it." Under the LGOIMA we ask for the following information:

- a) The advice mentioned. It is necessary for appraisal of the information which otherwise appears to show a likelihood of an improper use of Council information; and*
- b) The date or dates on which such advice was requested, and the terms or circumstances which resulted in it being provided;*
- c) The date or dates on which such advice was provided. These are separate requests, so that the information can and should be provided to us as and when it can be given, and not when it is all to hand.*

Our response:

We are declining your request for the advice under section 7(2)(h) of the LGOIMA to maintain legal professional privilege.

The advice was requested on 28 March 2019.

We are declining your request for the terms or circumstances which resulted in the advice being provided under section 7(2)(h) of the LGOIMA to maintain legal professional privilege.

The advice was provided on 1 April 2019.

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

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Euan Kyle'.

Euan Kyle

Corporate Information Manager