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Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your official information request dated 30 October 2020 for information regarding details of all meetings Cr Lewis had in relation to her Code of Conduct complaint against Cr Milne from 15 April 2020 to the time when she submitted her complaint (25 May 2020).

Please find the details you requested below.

The Mayor's Office has advised that the Mayor regularly kept standing committee chairs informed of issues with Cr Milne's conduct. This group includes Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Edwards and Cr Hislop.

The Mayor met with Committee Chairs on:

- 16 April 2020
- 24 April 2020
- 1 May 2020
- 18 May 2020

While an agenda and minutes of those meetings were not kept, the Mayor advises that as part of those meetings he updated Committee Chairs on issues relating to Cr Milne's conduct, including his progress and attempts to informally manage those issues. These discussions were well in advance of the Deputy Mayor lodging her complaint on 25 May 2020.

No staff in the Mayor's Office met with Deputy Mayor Lewis in relation to her code of conduct complaint. Staff in the Mayor's Office became aware of the complaint once it was received in the Mayor's email inbox on 25 May 2020.

In terms of the Chief Executive and Council Legal Counsel there were no meetings.

Deputy Mayor Lewis has advised that they had no other meetings involving this matter.

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.

Regards,

Hutt City Council