



15 April 2025

Andrea Hilton

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Dear Andrea

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

We refer to your official information request dated 18 March 2025:

1. *What services has the Hutt City Council increased in the last six years? When an increase in service is defined as a service that did not exist previously.*
2. *Have any existing services had their name changed in the last six years?*
3. *Have any existing named services increased in any way?*
4. *If existing named services have increased in some way in the last six years please explain what the increase has been.*
5. *Have any services been disestablished or reduced? If so, why?*
6. *If services have been disestablished what was the effect of this on the Council's expenditure, how were these services funded?*
7. *If a service was increased how was the increase funded? i.e rates, borrowing, user pays or other revenue*
8. *Was there any analysis done on subsidised fees after they were given e.g. subdivision consents, to determine the economic benefit to the City?*
9. *If so, was the value of the benefit higher than the loss of revenue?*
10. *Is independent economic analysis commissioned before subsidies are given?*
11. *Do the contributions gained under the Development Contributions policy cover the cost of the infrastructure that is a necessity due to a development?*

Answer:

For points 1 to 7 of the information you are requesting, we refer you to our website. You can refer to our Annual Reports [here](#), and our Annual Plans and Long Term Plans [here](#). While this is not in the format you have requested [we do not hold information this way], the information in our approved plans and audited Annual Reports provide an overview of the services we deliver.

8. We do not hold this information

9. N/A

10. We do not hold this information

11. Whilst the contributions aim to cover the costs of the growth-related component of infrastructure projects detailed in the Development Contributions Policy, there are instances where this may not be the case, for example a shortfall in development contributions charges where a project experiences a cost escalation which is not accounted for in the Development Contributions charging mechanisms.

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 response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely

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