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Tēnā koe Jennifer,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 15 August 2025, seeking information about Council's total spend to date on the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

Responses to each of your questions are as follows:

- 1. Can I please have a breakdown of the total spend to date by the council on the Bloomberg Harvard city leadership initiative, including conference fees, travel and accommodation costs, food allowances, reimbursements for expenses incurred and any subscription or course costs?*

Answer: There has been no Council spend on the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. All costs, including travel, accommodation, participation fees, and other associated expenses, have been fully covered by Bloomberg.

2. *Can I please have a list of the job titles of employees and elected members who participated in this programme.*

Answer: The following elected member and employees have participated directly in the programme:

Name:	Role:
Campbell Barry	Mayor
Jo Miller	Chief Executive
Tim Johnstone	Head of Planning

Other staff have been involved in related activities such as in-person sessions held in New Zealand and online coaching and mentoring:

Name:	Role:
Jarred Griffiths	Director of Strategy and Engagement
Shelley Bascand	Engagement Advisor
Kaanihi Butler-Hare	Tumuaki Māori
Charlotte Parish	Head of Mayor's Office
Alicia Andrews	Finance Transaction Services Manager
Andrea Blackshaw	Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities
Gemma Birse	Head of EPMO
Neil Cole	Customer Manager
Lucie Desrosiers	Head of Urban Development
Sophie Smith	Senior Advisor, Business and Economy
Tim Johnstone	Head of Planning
Jon Kingsbury	Director of Economy and Development

3. *And is there any ongoing costs and if so what is the budget or forecast for that spend?*

Answer: There are no ongoing or forecasted costs associated with the programme, as Bloomberg continues to cover all expenses.

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: [Office of the Ombudsman - Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

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