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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 11 September 2025, seeking information about gift declarations and Council policy relating to the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. Whether the conference fees, flights, accommodation, and other costs funded by Bloomberg were declared as gifts by the listed recipients.*
- 2. The value of each declared gift item.*
- 3. A copy of the Council's gift policy.*

Answer:

Council does not consider participation in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative to constitute a gift under its Receiving of Gifts Policy. Council applied to be part of the programme and was competitively selected to participate in this globally recognised leadership development opportunity.

As such, no declarations were made by the listed recipients in relation to conference fees, flights, accommodation, or other costs funded by Bloomberg.

Council does not hold information on the value of the programme or the associated costs as these were met by Bloomberg.

If it is of interest to you, a copy of the Receiving of Gifts Policy is publicly available here: [Receiving of Gifts Policy – Hutt City Council](#).

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.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases – Hutt City Council](#).

Ngā mihi nui



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