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Tēnā koe Rhys,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 4 July 2026, seeking information about how Hutt City Council meets its obligations relating to consultation and engagement with mana whenua and the associated costs. Specifically, you requested:

We would like the request the way in which Hutt city currently meets its obligations around consulting with mana whenua.

This could include but it not limited to the following: Iwi run consultancy firms, council committees, direct Koha for consultation or a staff member whose main role is to liaison.

We also ask for the direct cost of whichever of these is relevant if possible.

Answer:

Council has publicly available information on its website regarding its relationship with Mana Whenua, including information about its partnership approach, representation arrangements and memoranda of partnership. This information is available at: [Mana Whenua | Hutt City Council](#).

Consulting with mana whenua is the responsibility of many of our staff across council. We therefore cannot attribute direct costs of consultation in the way you have requested it.

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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Lisa Williams

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