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Tēnā koe Becci,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 28 July 2026, seeking information regarding Minoh House. Specifically, you requested:

“I am interested in the Council's plans for Minoh House. This used to be a bookable venue, but I can't see any information about it on the Council's website, so I am wondering what is happening with it.

I would like to request any documents that describe the recent/current or planned repair/renovation works to Minoh House, the timeline for these, and what the Council's intentions are regarding future use of the building. For example, when/whether it will be available again for use by Japanese cultural groups or as a venue for hire.

Please feel free to contact me if you need to refine the scope of this request or clarify my question.”

Answer:

No decisions have been made about the future of Minoh House. Elected Members and the Minoh Trust are due to consider the future use of the building in the Long-Term Plan review process.

Seismic strengthening work is currently being completed in stages. The detailed seismic report is public and can be found [here](#).

The first stage addressed strengthening to the external façade, and stage two will begin shortly to address the chimney structure. All work is expected to be finished by the end of 2026.

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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Ngā mihi nui

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