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Tēnā koe Lorraine,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 11 July 2025, asking for information about the Council's contract with Sustainable Coastlines.

Specifically, you asked:

1. *Does the Lower Hutt City Council pay Sustainable Coastlines the following contract (ex GST):*
 - *\$1900 per month for a beach clean-up*
 - *\$3900 per month for litter monitoring and auditing for two audit sites at Petone Beach.*

2. *Survey Area 1: Petone Beach Waterski Club | Survey Area 2: Hikoikoi Reserve, Petone Beach. I cannot see the audit results on the Sustainable Coastlines Litter Intelligence data site for Survey Area 1 for January, February, May 2025 and Survey Area 2 for January, February, March, May, June 2025.*
 - *Were the clean-ups and audits completed?*
 - *If they were completed, why are they not shown on the Sustainable Coastlines Litter Intelligence site?*
 - *Or were the audits not completed?*

- *If the latter, was Sustainable Coastlines paid for work not completed? Is the contract for 12 clean-ups and 12 audits per site – a total of 24 clean-ups and audits per year?*

Answer:

Hutt City Council holds a three-year contract with Sustainable Coastlines, commencing 1 April 2023, to deliver monthly beach clean-ups and litter intelligence audits at Petone Beach (Water Ski Club and Hīkoikoi Reserve), Pencarrow (Hinds Point).

Between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, Council paid Sustainable Coastlines \$1900 per month for beach clean-ups and \$3900 per month for litter monitoring and auditing at Petone Beach (Water Ski Club and Hīkoikoi Reserve), and Pencarrow (Hinds Point). These prices were adjusted for inflation from 1 April 2024 onwards.

Sustainable Coastlines did not undertake any litter intelligence audits in January or February 2025, and no data was collected for those months. Accordingly, we are refusing your request for audit results for January and February under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested does not exist.

Audit activity resumed in March, and while there were delays in uploading some data, this has now been resolved. Survey results for March to June 2025 are publicly available on the Litter Intelligence website. Therefore, we are refusing your request for audit results for those months under section 17(d) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested is publicly available.

You can find the information at the following links:

- **26 March 2025:** [Wellington Harbour – Petone Beach, Water Ski Club](#)
- **12 April 2025:** [Wellington Harbour – Petone Beach, Water Ski Club](#)
- **26 April 2025:** [Wellington Harbour – Hikoikoi Reserve, Petone Beach](#)
- **19 May 2025:** [Wellington Harbour – Hinds point, Pencarrow Coast](#)
- **30 June 2025:** [Wellington Harbour – Petone Beach, Water Ski Club](#)
- **30 June 2025:** [Wellington Harbour – Hikoikoi Reserve, Petone Beach](#)

- **27 June 2025:** [Wellington Harbour – Hinds point, Pencarrow Coast](#)

For clarity, only one beach clean-up was undertaken during this period, which took place on 12 April 2025. If you would like further information about this, you may wish to visit: [Petone Beach Clean-Up | Sustainable Coastlines](#).

We have interpreted your question about payment to be asking whether Council paid Sustainable Coastlines for services that were not completed. Council does not pay for services that are either not completed or not delivered to a satisfactory standard. This includes any months where audits were not carried out.

We have also interpreted your question about the contract scope to be asking whether the contractual agreement provides for 12 clean-ups and 12 audits per site annually. The contract provides for 12 clean-ups and 12 litter intelligence audits per site per contract year (1 April to 31 March), totalling 12 clean-ups and 36 audits annually across three sites: two at Petone Beach and one at Hinds Point, Pencarrow.

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: [How to make a complaint | Ombudsman New Zealand](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

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