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Dear Diane Bradshaw

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

We refer to your request dated 9 December 2024 for:

*I am requesting information regarding all decisions made by the Hutt City Council this year and how each councillor voted on those issues please. In particular, the voting record with regard to the re-appointment of the CEO.*

**Response:**

Council's Standing Orders outline the voting procedures during Council meetings. According to [Standing Order 20.4](#), decisions are made based on a majority of votes, typically through a voice vote. In these cases, only the resolution with the mover and seconder is recorded in the minutes. Votes are documented individually only if a division is called. Elected members have the option to request that their dissenting vote on an item be included in the minutes. All decisions made by Council in 2024 are documented in the minutes of the respective Council or Committee meeting and can be found on the Council's website at [Meeting agendas and minutes | Hutt City Council](#).

The decision about the reappointment of the Chief Executive took place in a public excluded Council meeting on 10 May 2024. The information was withheld to protect the privacy of natural persons, in accordance with section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The information can now be released to the public because the reason for withholding it no longer exists. Council's resolution is outlined below.

**Resolved: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs) Minute No. C 24203(2)**

*(2) reappoints Johanna (Jo) Miller to the position of Chief Executive of Hutt City Council for a fixed term period of five years from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2029."*

**For**

**Against**

Mayor Barry

Deputy Mayor Lewis

Cr Stallinger

Cr Briggs

Cr Brown

Cr Dyer

Cr Edwards

Cr Mitchell

Cr Shaw

Cr Parkin

Cr Tupou

Cr Morgan

Total: 11

Total: 1

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Yours sincerely

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