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

We refer to your official information request dated 28 May 2025 for information on Daly St Park, Knights Road cycle lanes, funds for road works, Manor Park, public transport, major projects, Naenae pool, and hire fees for sports clubs. Our response to each of your questions is provided below:

Daly Street Park

1. What was the cost to create the new park in Daly Street Lower Hutt? Was the final cost under or over the budgeted amount?

Answer: *The cost to create the new park in Daly Street, which includes many reusable structures, furniture and other features, came to a total of \$295,000 (GST-exclusive). The final cost of this initiative was under the budgeted amount of \$300,000 (GST-exclusive).*

2. Is the park permanent?

Answer: *No, the park is not permanent. But, as explained above, many the features of the park (e.g. pump track, seating, planters, basketball hoop) have been designed to be reused elsewhere.*

3. If it is not permanent what is its expected lifetime?

Answer: *The lifetime of the park on Daly Street is approximately 12 months, or until the Greater Wellington Regional Council starts the upgrade of the stop bank which sits in front of the site.*

4. How much is budgeted for its maintenance?

Answer: *Council have contracts in place for the maintenance of the pump track and planting which cost about \$700 (GST-exclusive), per month.*

Knights Road cycle lanes

1. What did it cost to remove the cycle lanes painted on Knights Road?

Answer: *The painted cycle lane markings were sealed over as part of Council's planned chipseal resurfacing programme. There was no additional cost incurred specifically for the removal of cycle lanes and no separate record is held for a distinct "removal" cost, as this was embedded within standard resurfacing works.*

2. What data was obtained regarding cycle lanes from establishing the cycle lanes on Knights road?

Answer: *A permanent strategic cycleway route to connect Waterloo Station to the CBD was proposed for Knights Road, with a trial in early 2021 to assess the viability. Extensive data was collected during this period, including pneumatic tube counts, journey time monitoring, cycle counts, drone footage, and public surveys. The data helped evaluate safety outcomes, traffic efficiency, and user perceptions. While summary data was presented, Council has been unable to locate the raw datasets (e.g. detailed sensor outputs or original survey databases) within the scope of this request.*

Funds for Road works

1. Were funds that were unspent in the 2024-25 financial year used to fund previously uncommissioned road works in March 2025?
2. Were these funds from the roading maintenance budget?
3. What was the unspent amount?
4. Which budget line did it come from?
5. If it was not from the roading maintenance budget why was it used for roading?

Answer: *In response to questions 1-5, no extra road works were paid for in March 2025 using unspent funds. Council approves budgets for specific capital projects and maintenance and operating costs. There will be occasions where budgets may be underspent but when this occurs the unspent budgets will be treated as savings, rather than being diverted to other projects or to cover other costs. As we are still not at the end of the 2024-25 financial year, transport costs for projects as well as maintenance and operating costs are yet to be finalised.*

6. Why was roading prioritised over other community needs?

Answer: *Council sets the priorities and approves all budgets following a period of consultation and deliberation.*

Manor Park

1. What are the Manor Park residents' concerns about the resource recovery park?
2. If relocation is not an option will measures be taken to address their concerns?
3. What measures can be taken to address their concerns?

Answer: *In response to questions 1-3, while the LGOIMA allows requests for official information, it does not require Council to create new information or compile information it does not hold. Therefore, these parts of your request are refused under section 17(g)(i) of the LGOIMA as the information requested is not held by the Council.*

However, if you would like to learn more about the current resource consents for 30 Benmore Crescent in Manor Park, you can find a range of information on Council's website at: [30 Benmore Crescent | Hutt City Council](#).

4. Is the resource recovery park part of Hutt City Council's waste management strategy?

Answer: The proposed waste management facility at Manor Park, if established, could complement and improve on the waste and recycling infrastructure in Lower Hutt and the wider Hutt Valley, as Waste Management's proposal involves a public drop-off area for recoverable resources, workshop space, retail space and café. This could improve on the current set up of the transfer station and zero waste hub located at Silverstream landfill.

Regarding building and construction waste, the plans also include a facility to process this material to divert recoverable resources. In light of the lack of any current processing capacity for building and construction waste, the facility could enable the diversion of this material stream and reduce the amount that needs to be landfilled.

These plans are in line with the targets and objectives of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) 2023-29, see: huttcity.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/waste-management-and-minimisation-plan-wmmp (Please refer page 28 for the targets of the WMMP, and pages 41 to 43 for the Lower Hutt action plan).

5. Contractors have been asked to provide reports on noise and vibration that is disturbing the environment for the residents at Manor Park. Why has the Council not commissioned such reports in its regulatory enforcement capacity?

Answer: The information you have requested in this question can be found on Council's website at: [30 Benmore Crescent | Hutt City Council](#). Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 17(d) as the information requested is publicly available.

Public Transport

1. Has Hutt City Council ever commissioned or carried out studies on the feasibility of subsidising bus services within Lower Hutt taking into account the impact on the environment, to sustainability, economic growth and improved services?
2. If so, can I have copies of these studies or links to access them?

Answer: *In response to questions 1 and 2, we confirm that Council has no record of having commissioned or undertaken any such studies. As such, we are refusing this part of your request under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested does not exist.*

Major Projects

1. Of the major Council projects completed in the last 3-6 years how many were completed on budget, under budget and over budget?

Answer: *Council has completed a large number of projects in recent years. Details of the budgeted amounts, actual spend and the variances, as well as high level variance explanations, are all contained in the published Annual Reports that can be found on the Council website using the following link: [Annual Reports | Hutt City Council](#)*

Naenae Pool

1. What was the final cost of the naenae pool development?

Answer: *The total cost of the capital investment for the project was \$67.12 million against a Council approved budget of \$68 million.*

2. How was this funded? Was it over the final budget?

Answer: *Funding for the project comprised a \$27 million contribution from the Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG) and the balance was funded from a Local Government Funding Agency Green Sustainability Loan.*

3. What are the projected operating costs broken down into maintenance and staffing?

Answer: *For the 2025/26 financial year, the budgeted staffing cost for Te Ngaengae is \$1.68 million, while the maintenance budget is \$0.16M.*

Hire fees for sports clubs

1. Where can I find the hire rates for sports fields, club rooms and sporting facilities?

Answer: *The information that you have requested in this part of your request can be found on the Council's website at:*

- [Hutt City Council - 10 Year Plan 2024-2034 \(Page 317\)](#)
- [Microsoft Word - Private Use of HCC Land edited.doc](#)

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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: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mihi nui,

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