

25 May 2022

Karl Oliver

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Tēnā koe Karl

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

We refer to your official information request dated 27 April 2022 for the following:

Under the official Information Act I wish to know why much was spent in the last financial year consulting Māori over various things. How much was spent on consulting Māori on the new "naming Policy".

No money was allocated by Hutt City Council for consultation with Māori on the new naming policy.

The only funding that directly focuses on Hutt City Council's engagement with Māori is via our partnership agreements with our five Mana Whenua partners (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui (Port Nicholson Block Settlement) Trust, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui, Wellington Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust) and two Mana Whenua Marae (Arohanui Ki Te Tangata (Waiwhetū) Marae, or Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae).

This agreement allocates \$200,000 per annum to facilitate four quarterly meetings between Hutt City Council's mayor and/or councillors, the Chief Executive, its board members and staff with representatives of each of its partners.

You have asked why spending was allocated for consultation with Māori. Hutt City Council is working hard to honour te tiriti o Waitangi and values the contribution and input of its Mana Whenua partners in its decision-making.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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