

10 May 2019

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 30 April 2019 for which I note we responded to the same questions on 18 March 2019.

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Are the funds used to pay planners solely derived from “consent fees charged on a user pays basis” as you state in your previous reply, or funded 100% from the General rate, or other?

What leads you to the conclusion on which you base your answer?

Are you able to provide the financial evidence that validates your answer? If not, why not?

As outlined in section 6.1.1 of the 2018-2038 long term plan, the resource consenting function is funded by 60-70% fees and charges.

This means that 60-70% of the costs associated with resource consenting functions (including a salary component) are covered by income from fees and charges paid by consent applicants. General rates funds 30-40% of the resource consenting function. This covers the cost of non-chargeable work, such as general planning enquiries. Your previous enquiry was in relation to the granting of subdivisions, which falls into the category of work that is “user pays” and is covered by the 60-70% of overall income that comes from fees and charges.

As outlined in section 6.1.3 of the 2018-2038 long term plan, the building consenting function is funded by 80-90% fees and charges.

This means that 80-90% of the costs associated with the building consenting function (including a salary component) are covered by income from fees and charges paid by consent applicants. General rates funds 10-20% of the building consenting function. This covers the cost of non-chargeable work, such as general building enquiries.

These splits between public and private good are targets based on our intention from the Revenue and Financing Policy.

Financial evidence is available from Council's general ledger for each activity and more broadly for the Funding Impact Statement for Regulatory Services in our Annual Report.

The information provided in this LGOIMA is what was originally sent via email 18 March 2019. Original Official Information request with these sets of questions was sent for answering on 12 March 2019.

If you have any queries regarding this information please contact Ian McLachlan, Group Manager – Customer & Regulatory Services on 06 3660999 or email ianm@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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