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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 04/06/2021. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

I would like to know the total percentage in dollar value of HDC's ratepayers' money that is going to cover the cost of resettling refugees in Levin.

The cost for refugee resettlement does not sit directly with Horowhenua District Council as Council is not the lead organisation, nor the contracted service provider. The organisation that is responsible for refugee resettlement in Levin is Red Cross New Zealand supported by Immigration New Zealand. The role of Horowhenua District Council in the refugee resettlement is to collaborate with Red Cross to support a community wide response for resettlement. This might include coordinating meetings with Iwi, facilitating community meetings or workshops, communicating with the community, or providing community capacity building opportunities. There is no explicit rate impact for refugee resettlement.

The refugee resettlement costs that are anticipated to be incurred by Council in the 2021/2022 financial year will be; Council Officer time, or capacity-building workshops that are currently a budgeted activity and could not be attributed to refugee resettlement only. These costs cannot be quantified at present, as they have not been incurred.

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on 06 366 0999 or email - LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,



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