

LGOIMA reference – 2022/848

19 April 2022

Email - [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 03/04/2022. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)

- **How much is budgeted for & allocated by Horowhenua District Council to LGNZ each quarter / last financial year, & the next financial year?**

Horowhenua District Council (HDC) pays an annual membership subscription to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). The fee for the year 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 was \$39,960.56 excluding GST. The budget for this was \$53,000 for the 2021/22 financial year.

- **What does it pay for? How do I as a ratepayer benefit from this usage?**

LGNZ supports and advocates for councils including Horowhenua District Council across New Zealand, ensuring the needs and priorities of their communities and residents are heard loud and clear at the highest levels of central government.

LGNZ is led by a National Council of elected Mayors from across New Zealand and focus on being future-fit, proactive and inclusive– from policy development, advocacy and story-telling, to supporting capability building through advice, consultancy and training.

Horowhenua District Council is part of the Rural and Provincial Sector Group with LGNZ. Each sector group develops their own set of priority issues which are addressed, with assistance from LGNZ, with the objective of simultaneously pursuing the particular interests of each sector and the general interests of local government. Functions of LGNZ include:

1. Promote the national interests of Horowhenua District Council through the promotion of LGNZ's vision as approved by the National Council from time to time;

2. Advocate on matters affecting the national interests of Horowhenua District Council and the communities that it represents;
3. Constructively promote and facilitate regular dialogue with Government, Parliamentarians, and the agencies of Government on matters of national interest to Horowhenua District Council with a view to enhancing and ensuring a long-term commitment to partnership between central government and Horowhenua District Council;
4. Provide full, accurate and timely information to Horowhenua District Council on matters affecting local government and LGNZ;
5. Research, survey, and investigate those matters in which LGNZ has an interest or a responsibility on behalf of Horowhenua District Council;
6. Provide advice and to deliver education and training opportunities for Horowhenua District Council on the role and practices of local government, sound governance and management practices, best practice operational matters, the laws affecting local government, and other matters relevant to local government;
7. Hold such conferences and forums as required for the advancement of its objects;
8. Generally to do all such other things as may be incidental or conducive to attaining any of the above objects

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

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Yours sincerely,



Lisa Slade
Executive Sponsor - LGOIMA