

Reference Number: 2026/1366

10 April 2026



Tēnā Koe I Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 12 March 2026 requesting total spending on consultancy firms ran by mana whenua/lwi for the purpose of consultation with Māori under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Please see below a response to your request.

We request the total spending on consultancy firms ran by mana whenua/lwi for the purpose of consultation with Māori.

There has not been any spend on consultancy firms run by mana whenua/lwi for the purpose of consultation with Māori.

If Koha is paid instead for consultation directly with lwi, a council committee exists or staff time and positions exist for this purpose we instead request this.

Nil koha has been spent on consultation, or on any council committees for the purpose of consultation specifically with Māori.

From time to time, Council consults with the community on workstreams such as Long Term Plan, Annual Plan, District Plan changes, By-law reviews, etc, which includes consulting with Māori, as part of the community.

Horowhenua District Council (the Council) employs Te Tima Hua Ahurea / The Cultural Outcomes team, which is made up of two roles, the Kaihautū Hua Ahurea / Cultural Outcomes Lead and a Kaitohu Hua Ahurea / Cultural Outcomes Advisor. These roles support the organisation in fulfilling its responsibilities with engagement of Māori as per the Local Government Act.

Please give the cost of whichever of these are relevant, broken down over the previous three completed financial years.

We are unable to quantify this cost and ask that you reduce or be more specific about the scope of your request.

Please include the invoices and agreements where relevant.

N/A.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey (Group Manager Community Experience and Services) on brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi | Best regards



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