

LGOIMA reference – 2022/859

10 May 2022

Email - [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Response - Official Information Request**

I refer to your request for information received on 01 May 2022. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

**What consultation did the Council undertake before joining the "Communities 4 Local Democracy" organisation?**

**I refer you to section 56 of the Local Government Act 2002 and the definitions in section 6 including the definition of "council-controlled organisation", "entity" and "shareholder".**

There was no formal consultation undertaken before signing Memorandum of Understanding in relation to 3 Waters and joining "Communities 4 Local Democracy", however the decision was made during the Council Meeting on 9 February via a recommendation and vote between Elected Members.

You are entitled to seek a review by the Office of the Ombudsman regarding the withheld information. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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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](mailto:LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely,



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