

25 March 2019

Dear 

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received 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.

Request for written copy of the presentation made by the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust

Individuals and groups that come to present to Council (with such presentations usually noted in the agenda under 'Announcements') do not always provide a copy of what they present, nor are they required to do so. In the case of the presentation made by the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust, the Chair did provide the Meeting Secretary with a copy of his comments after the meeting and these are appended.

Also, people who request to speak to Agenda items under Public Participation may or may not provide a copy of their comments. It is not obligatory but as Council's minutes are not verbatim (and are not required to be) some like to provide their full comments and these are entered into Council's EDRMS for the record.

Why has Council started the practice of having "appendices" attached to matters discussed in Council's agendas that are not made available to the public, even though the item discussed is in the public part of the Council meeting?

Any supporting information (attachments) to Council reports are included in the agenda with the report. Where a report has an attachment, this is noted on the bottom of the report and in some instances there can be more than one attachment. Occasionally, if a document is substantial, it will be provided as a separate document and it is noted in the agenda as being 'under separate cover'. With documents like the draft Annual Plan, which can be quite large, it is not cost effective to run off copies to accompany every agenda, particularly when the majority of the document is in colour and a final copy will be available following adoption.. The fact that an attachment is 'under separate cover' is noted on the appropriate report and the attachment is included on the website with the agenda. A stand-alone copy is also provided at each Service Centre/Library for people to reference.

Very occasionally there will be information tabled at a meeting, perhaps a correction or further information that was not available at the time the agenda was disseminated. This does not happen often and the information is not only available to those at the table, but can be provided to those in the public gallery if requested.

How does having appendices attached to reports discussed in the public part of Council meetings that are not available to the public conform with the Local Government Act?

As Council does provide attachments for all its reports when required– either in hard copy or on line – this is not relevant.

If you have any queries regarding this information please contact Mark Lester, Group Manager – Corporate Services on 06 366 0999 or email - markl@horowhenua.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



David Clapperton
Chief Executive

Attach.

HNZT Presentation to Council – 13 March 2019

Good afternoon Mr Mayor and councillors. My name is Cam Lewis and I am the Chair of the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust. Alongside me today I have Antony Young, who is the Deputy Chair of the Trust.

We're here this afternoon to introduce the Trust for the first time, and importantly, to acknowledge the support that you, as elected representatives, have all provided over the course of the Trust's journey to date. We would also like to take these few moments to provide an insight into our aspirations for the future and answer any questions you might have.

We are pleased to confirm that the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust has been successfully established by a small but committed group of interim trustees, myself and Antony included. We have taken our time, and deliberately so, because in our minds, we have been setting something up that needs to stand the test of time. This means not just thinking about the next year, three years, or even 10, but to set something significant in motion, by constructing a Trust that can serve our community and its ever-changing needs for generations to come.

I'm very aware that our time today is limited, but I would like to take a moment to reaffirm what brings us together - and that is our love for our places, our people, and our cultures, together with and alongside our shared aspirations to build a better and brighter future.

I believe that all of us here around this table have a high ambition for our region and its communities. And it is this ambition that led us to ask ourselves, "what more could be done?". And, "how could we as members of the business community help contribute, support and supplement the efforts of council and other established community organisations in the region?"

It is this very opportunity that has prompted the Trust into being.

The Trust has been established by people who are leaders in the community, with deep connections, and experiences and skill sets. We are not politicians. We *are* business leaders. We've worked and lived and raised families in Horowhenua, we've taken risks and invested here. We also bring different experiences and skills, skills that can add real value to the region and community.

It will come as no surprise that this is in fact one of the Trust's key goals.

We see there is a proposal by Council to release or sell off some non-core or under-utilised property and land that is surplus to its needs. One of the opportunities that we want to explore is can we develop some of these to help stimulate opportunities for jobs by attracting Government or businesses to invest or locate in our region. We also want to keep as much of those interests in the region to benefit those in the Horowhenua.

Finally, we see the dividends of developing those assets being retained and distributed back into this community, rather than into the hands of private out-of-town or overseas interests. That's another reason why we see this organisation only working as a Trust held and managed by locally driven trustees.

We want to see Horowhenua realise its full potential - it's early days but we are so excited for what's to come. We know that goals don't translate into change without a great action plan. There's a lot of work that needs to be done, and we've started from scratch.

We're committed to updating the Horowhenua District Council and our community as we progress - and hope that this is the first of many presentations that we can make to keep you up-to-date. Once again, thank you for your support and we'd love to answer any questions that you have.