

19 October 2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 22 September 2020. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

“Regarding the CEO signing off on \$2.6 million payments with tribal affiliations, question is? Is this payment targeted rated? It is extremely unfair if “all” ratepayers fund such payments under general rates when only contributors gain from this big expense. So is or will the \$2.6 million paid to Local tribes to allow The Pot to continue without tribal opposition be rated for, and targeted only to those contributing?”

For clarification, the Chief Executive has not signed off on \$2.6M in payments to tribal affiliations. Council is unsure where the writer has sourced this information.

A total of \$117,187.49 was paid to Iwi with interests in the ‘Pot’ and in particular the renewal of resource consents for the disposal of Levin wastewater at the Pot.

Council provided funds to the iwi groups in order to raise capacity of those parties to respond to engagement with the Council, in an effective and efficient manner. It allows the tribal groups to obtain resource planning, technical and legal advice to contribute to the RMA process, relating to the Pot consent renewals.

The funding to tribal groups is budgeted from the Wastewater Pot Consent activity. The wastewater activity is funded through a targeted rate, only those ratepayers connected to the wastewater system pay the targeted rate. It is not funded through the general rate.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact Nicki Brady, Group Manager Community, Partnerships and Business on 06 366 0999 or email - nickib@horowhenua.govt.nz

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Yours sincerely,



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