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Our reference: LGOIMA

Dear Emma

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

Thank you for your official information request of 14 August 2023, in which you have asked for the following:

*“Any and all information/documents held by the Council related to the Council’s arranging, placement, holding and/or understanding of liability insurance with any brokers, and/or Local Government Mutual Funds Trustee Limited (Riskpool) and/or insurers for each of the years 2010 – 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the information/documents requested include:
(a) liability policy documents for the years 2010-2023; and
(b) any file notes and correspondence related to the Council’s arranging, placement, holding and/or understanding of these liability policy documents, including internal correspondence, correspondence with the Council’s broker(s), and direct correspondence with insurers.”*

We have reviewed your request and have consulted with our insurer. Our decision is as follows:

Hutt City Council is withholding information and documentation relating to its liability insurance and its liability policies, under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA, where making the information available would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

We advise that the Council holds a substantial amount of notes, correspondence and general information on your subject and, under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, retrieving the information requested would not be possible without substantial collation or research. We will review our decision on your request if you can advise us of a specific document that you want.

This response to your information request, including your name, may be published on the Council’s website.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Sales', written in a cursive style.

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