

Finance and Performance Committee

Meeting of 23 September 2026

Business Unit: Corporate

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LGOIMA Requests 01 June 2026 – 31 August 2026

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To present requests for information received by Council under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohunga

That the report detailing the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the period 01 June 2026 – 31 August 2026 be received.

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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

- 1.1 The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 makes provision for public access to Council information.
- 1.2 The Act also provides requirements for how the Council must deal with any requests for access to information that it holds.
- 1.3 Details of all requests received are available on Council's website.
- 1.4 This report covers LGOIMA Requests received and processed for the period 01 June 2026 – 31 August 2026.

SUMMARY	01 March 2026 to 31 May 2026	01 June 2026 to 31 August 2026
Open from previous period	9	3
Received	18	43
Closed	24	39
Total In Progress	3 includes 2 Ombudsman	7 includes 2 Ombudsman
FINANCIAL YEAR	1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025	01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026
Total Received	88	101
Total Closed	88	101
% Sent in time frame	100%	99%

LGOIMA Num-ber	Date Re-ceived	Organisation	Request Summary	Due Date	Request Status	Completed Date
LG2451	5/05/2026	No More Glyphosate NZ	What herbicides or weed control products are used in public spaces, where and how often they are applied, and what policies guide their use. Also, when the current approach to herbicide use was last formally re-viewed.	3/06/2026	Complete	2/06/2026
LG2458	4/06/2026	Individual	Information about Mt Taylor building consents for accessory buildings	2/07/2026	Complete	16/06/2026
LG2459	8/06/2026	Individual	Councillors' attendance records for current period of Council	6/07/2026	Complete	23/06/2026
LG2469	12/06/2026	Individual	Disaster Spending Request - A request for detailed information on actual spending by the council over the past 20 years (2006–2025) related to recovery from weather-related natural disasters and resilience-building ef-forts, including costs, government funding received to avoid double counting, and any supporting briefings or reports.	13/07/2026	Complete	13/07/2026
LG2470	9/06/2026	Silks Audit	Information for an Income Audit - Are you able to please provide the following information: A list of all the pay-ments made to and received from Te Maru o Ruahine Trust from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. Any amounts owing at balance date 31 December 2025 to Te Maru o Ruahine Trust that relate to the financial year being audited.	7/07/2026	Complete	23/06/2026
LG2472	18/06/2026	Office of the Ombudsman	Ombudsman Complaint Inquiry - A request for confirmation on whether the council has responded to a noise complaint submitted by an individual on 27 March 2026, with a follow-up complaint on 25 May 2026, and for any additional relevant information to assist preliminary inquiries by the Office of the Ombudsman, with a re-sponse requested by 3 July 2026.	3/07/2026	Completed	2/07/2026
LG2473	19/06/2026	Individual	El Nino Preparation - Questions about how the council is proactively preparing for El Niño, especially in Hi-matangi.	20/07/2026	Complete	8/07/2026
LG2474	24/06/2026	Feilding First	Questions about various aspects of the Annual Plan - Various questions regarding the annual plan and addi-tionally, a request for a high-resolution image of the council or Feilding for use in a local newspaper.	23/07/2026	Complete	29/06/2026
LG2475	25/06/2026	Homely NZ	Information about noise complaints - A request for any information about noise complaints at an address in Feilding	24/07/2026	Complete	29/06/2026
LG2476	30/06/2026	Individual	Playground Timber Concerns - Request for information on the condition, inspection history, and safety of play-ground timber, including concerns about borer, rot, and structural integrity. It also seeks details on the coun-cil's awareness of the issues, supplier disclosure, and any inspections or independent assessments under-taken.	29/07/2026	Complete	9/07/2026

LG2477	29/06/2026	Relab	Property Data Request - A request for an electronic copy of the current District Valuation Roll and historical property sales data.	28/07/2026	Complete	2/07/2026
LG2478	13/07/2026	Invercargill City Council	Playground Surfacing Request - A request for the number of council-managed playgrounds and a summary of playground surfacing areas by surface type.	10/08/2026	Complete	17/07/2026
LG2479	13/07/2026	McIntosh & Signal	Any information Council may have on record in regard to stormwater/run-off complaints for Suffolk Crescent	10/08/2026	Complete	17/07/2026
LG2480	14/07/2026	Individual	Information about the management and administration of the Feilding Civic Centre discussions and minutes of meetings	11/08/2026	Complete	17/08/2026
LG2481	20/07/2026	Invercargill City Council	Playground Surfacing - a request to confirm whether playground surfacing installations, top-ups, and renewals are performed entirely in-house, entirely by contractors, or through a combination of both, including an approximate split if mixed.	17/08/2026	Complete	20/07/2026
LG2483	22/07/2026	Individual	Playground Timber Safety - A request for detailed information and evidence regarding the safety, structural integrity, and compliance of playground timber at Kowhai Park and confirmation that the playground remains safe for public use.	19/08/2026	Complete	13/08/2026
LG2484	23/07/2026	Individual	Please advise the plans for the ongoing maintenance of Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park and provide a copy of the April 2026 accounts.	20/08/2026	Complete	19/08/2026
LG2485	27/07/2026	Individual	Toilet Facilities Request - A request for information on all publicly accessible council-owned or maintained toilet facilities, including locations, accessibility features, and available amenities.	24/08/2026	Complete	12/08/2026
LG2486	27/07/2026	Individual	School Bus Responsibility - A request for information on which organisation is responsible for school bus routes in the Manawatū area, including their roles, responsibilities, and relevant legislation.	24/08/2026	Transferred	30/07/2026
LG2487	26/07/2026	Individual	Building Consent RFIs - A request for 2024 building consent application data, including consent details and Requests for Information (RFI) records.	21/08/2026	Complete	27/07/2026
LG2488	29/07/2026	Individual	Freedom Camping Inquiry - A request for information and documents relating to the Council's agreement with the NZMCA to manage Mount Lees Reserve, including consultation, costs, alternative options considered, and compliance with the Freedom Camping Bylaw.	26/08/2026	Complete	27/08/2026
LG2489	30/07/2026	Individual	A request for 2024 building consent application data, including consent details and Requests for Information (RFI) records.	21/08/2026	Complete	6/08/2026
LG2490	30/07/2026	Communities Against Alcohol Harm	Documents relating to the most recent Alcohol licence application or renewal for Bottle-O Sanson, including application, assessment, decision, licence, and any hearing-related records.	27/08/2026	Complete	17/08/2026

LG2491	3/08/2026	Azimuth Consulting Limited	Information on Councils core business systems - Request for information on Council's core business systems, planned replacements or upgrades, supporting documentation, and associated budgets and timelines from 1 July 2023 onwards.	31/08/2026	Complete	25/08/2026
LG2492	1/08/2026	Individual	Request for detailed financial information, including staff costs, debt and borrowing details, and council-approved expenditure for the 2026/27 financial year.	28/08/2026	Complete	25/08/2026
LG2493	31/07/2026	Across	Covered Community Space Proposal Cost Inquiry - Request for the total ratepayer cost of design, consultation, and staff time for the proposed covered community space in Manchester Square.	28/08/2026	Complete	19/08/2026
LG2494	4/08/2026	Rosco's Bulk Yard Ltd	Pool Fencing Inspections - Information about properties in the Feilding township that have swimming pools and pool fencing inspections.	1/09/2026	Complete	26/08/2026
LG2495	4/08/2026	PSA	Workforce Data - A request for workforce data from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.	1/09/2026	Complete	10/08/2026
LG2496	5/08/2026	Worley	Process Heat Users - A request for a list of process heat users in the region who are required to apply for resource consent for greenhouse gas emissions and to prepare emissions plans under specific 2023 regulations	2/09/2026	Transferred	5/08/2026
LG2497	7/08/2026	Homely	Noise complaints information - Request for noise complaint information for the period September 2025 to date	3/08/2026	Complete	13/08/2026
LG2498	8/08/2026	Individual	A request for Council to review the property's rates increase and provide, under LGOIMA, the information and rationale supporting the increase despite a significant decline in the property's valuation.	4/09/2026	Complete	27/08/2026
LG2499	10/08/2026	Rosco's Bulk Yard Ltd	Feilding Property Details - A request for addresses of all properties in Feilding that have backflow valves installed and all properties that are on water meters.	7/09/2026	Complete	28/08/2026
LG2500	15/08/2026	Individual	Bhutanese Society Funding - Seeking details of all financial and non-financial support provided by Council to the Bhutanese Society of New Zealand since 1 July 2021, including funding, property use, accountability, and compliance.	11/09/2026	Complete	26/08/2026
LG2501	17/08/2026	Premiere Showers	Building Consents Request - Request for residential new-build consent data issued in the district from January 2022 to June 2026, including key consent, property, builder, and value details.	14/09/2026	Complete	19/08/2026
LG2502	18/08/2026	Labour Leader's Office	Request for all council costs associated with the Government's Head Start initiative from 5 May 2026 until the council's response to the Government, including consultancy, consultation, meeting, workshop, and other related expenses.	15/09/2026	Complete	26/08/2026
LG2503	19/08/2026	Individual	Pedestrian Crossing Audit - Request for Council policies or frameworks governing how pedestrian crossings are audited and prioritised, including the use of crash data, geographic and crossing-type coverage, proposed changes, and confirmation where no such policies exist.	16/09/2026	With SME	

LG2504	21/08/2026	NZ Police	Production Order Request - A request to release the held property file for a property in Himatangi, as mandated by a Production Order signed by a District Court Judge	18/09/2026	Complete	21/08/2026
LG2505	21/08/2026	Radio New Zealand Limited	Rates Relief Request - A request for information on the total value of rates relief sought this year, the number and combined value of deferment requests received this year, and a comparison of these figures against the last five years, including changes in value and volume, with year-on-year comparisons presented in both absolute numbers and percentage terms.	18/09/2026	With SME	
LG2506	24/08/2026	Individual	MOU Information Request - A request for all records and communications related to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between five district councils regarding the regional response to the Government's Simplifying Local Government process.	21/09/2026	With Subject Matter Expert	
LG2507	23/08/2026	Individual	Animal Control Funding - A request for detailed information regarding the funding of Animal Control activities by Manawātū District Council, and the current intended funding split for the 2026/27 financial year.	18/09/2026	With SME	
LG2509	20/08/2026	Individual	Playground Safety Assessment - Further questions - Further questions following LGOIMA response - will Council obtain an independent assessment, and if not, why?	17/09/2026	With Subject Matter Expert	
LG2510	25/08/2026	NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	Resource Consent Request - Requesting a list of active consents for NZTA	22/09/2026	Complete	28/08/2026
LG2511	26/08/2026	Individual	Details about surrendered dog - Request for information regarding a German Shepherd surrendered to MDC Animal Control in late April 2026.	23/09/2026	Complete	28/08/2026
LG2512	25/08/2026	Waikato Times	Property Sales Data - A request for information detailing from 2016 to 2026, the number of houses the council has sold under Section 77 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.	22/09/2026	Complete	28/08/2026

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

- 2.1 Not applicable as this is a legislative / operational item.

3 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

- 3.1 There are three main areas of risk associated with Council's management of the LGOIMA process, being legal compliance, reputational and political.
- 3.2 Legal Compliance – the requirements for LGOIMA are set out in the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*. This legislation specifies standard response timeframes (20 working days) and outlines circumstances where information may be withheld (e.g., for privacy or commercial reasons). Because the process is tightly prescribed in law, staff error can result in non-compliance. To manage this risk, the Information Management team oversees the process. They support staff in meeting obligations, monitor compliance, and provide appropriate training.
- 3.3 Reputational – the wide scope of requests and the Council's obligation to comply can sometimes result in the release of information that is sensitive or potentially embarrassing (e.g., unprofessional internal communications). Education is a key control – ensuring officers and elected members understand the LGOIMA process and the public's right to request access to internal information and communications.
- 3.4 Political – while LGOIMA requests are managed by officers, elected members may at times be the subject of a request. This separation of operational and governance roles can create tension between management and members regarding how requests are handled. Proactive and transparent communication is essential to ensure shared understanding of the process and clarity around how requests involving members will be managed.

4 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

- 4.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report. No stakeholder engagement is required.

Māori and Cultural Engagement

- 4.2 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No specific engagement with Māori or other ethnicity groups is necessary.

Community Engagement

- 4.3 No community engagement is required.

5 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

5.1 There are no operational implications with this report.

6 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

6.1 There are no financial implications with this report.

7 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

7.1 The statutory requirements for access to local authority information, and procedures for dealing with requests received for information held by local authorities is set out in Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

8 Next Steps Te Kokenga

8.1 Nil