



Finance and Performance Committee

Meeting of 24 June 2026

Business Unit: People and Corporate
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LGOIMA Requests 01 March – 31 May 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 Tūtohinga

That the report detailing the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the period 01 March – 31 May 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 During the reporting period, the Ombudsman investigation into LG2351 was concluded. The Ombudsman determined that no further investigation was required, as Council had provided sufficient information to address the matters raised. Two Ombudsman investigations (LG2410 and LG2430) remain ongoing.
- 1.5 One request exceeded the statutory response timeframe by one working day due to a combination of staff leave, illness, and competing workload demands.
- 1.6 This report covers LGOIMA requests received and processed for the period 01 March 2026 – 31 May 2026.

SUMMARY	06 September 2025 to 28 February 2026	01 March 2026 to 31 May 2026
Open from previous period	10	9
Received	52	18
Closed	54	24
Total In Progress	8 includes 3 Ombudsman	3 includes 2 Ombudsman
FINANCIAL YEAR	1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025	01 July 2025 to 31 May 2026
Total Received	88	91
Total Closed	88	92
% Sent in time frame	100%	99%

LGOIMA Number	Date Received	Organisation	Request Summary	Due Date	Request Status	Completed Date
LG2351	11/04/2025	Office of the Ombudsman	Preliminary inquiry - Complaint that information withheld	30/04/2025	Complete	30/03/2026
LG2410	16/12/2025	Office of the Ombudsman	Investigation of complaint and concerns about the decision of the Council not to enforce the local stormwater bylaw	20/01/2026	With Ombudsman	
LG2430	2/02/2026	Office of the Ombudsman	Enquiry about decision to apply penalties to rates accounts for two Sheddan Road addresses	23/02/2026	With Ombudsman	
LG2432	19/02/2026	Te Pati Maori	Climate-Related Hazard Areas & Marae Impact Assessments	19/03/2026	Complete	16/03/2026
LG2433	19/02/2026	Individual	Complaints received about requesters property on Makino Road over last 12 months	19/03/2026	Complete	2/03/2026
LG2434	19/02/2026	Individual	Information about Stormwater/Road Drains on Ulysses Road	19/03/2026	Complete	17/03/2026
LG2435	19/02/2026	Common Ground Aotearoa	Request for full property and rates database	19/03/2026	Complete	3/03/2026
LG2436	24/02/2026	Stuff	BeforeUDig (BUG) service costs over the last 5 years	24/03/2026	Complete	2/03/2026
LG2437	2/03/2026	Individual	Information about TDRs (Transferable Development Rights)	30/03/2026	Complete	5/03/2026
LG2439	27/02/2026	Individual	Authorisation permitting the use of moped or motorcycles to deliver Mail or printed material on footpaths in the district.	27/03/2026	Complete	24/03/2026
LG2440	17/03/2026	Clampett Trust	Handling of Code of Conduct complaints and associated governance processes.	24/04/2026	Complete	22/04/2026
LG2441	24/03/2026	individual	Information regarding Animal Management and policy.	23/04/2026	Complete	27/03/2026
LG2442	30/03/2026	individual	Information about improvements for footpaths and road maintenance for Himatangi from 2022.	30/04/2026	Complete	14/04/2026
LG2443	7/04/2026	Humanitarian Ministry Trust	How Manawātū District Council obtain Mt Lees and conditions that were to be adhered to.	6/05/2026	Complete	9/04/2026
LG2444	9/04/2026	Humanitarian Ministry Trust	Copy of the wishes of Ormond Wilson for the Reserve and how he wished that the land be utilised.	8/05/2026	Complete	23/04/2026
LG2445	14/04/2026	Individual	Availability of Graduate Roles in Council for each year from 2020 to 2026 (inclusive)	13/05/2026	Complete	30/04/2026
LG2446	17/04/2026	Stuff	Request for how much MDC has spent over three years on boy racer-related road damage, how much came from ratepayers, and related impacts, responses, and trends.	18/05/2026	Complete	13/05/2026
LG2447	21/04/2026	FeildingFirst Writer	Request for details on parking restrictions, enforcement activity and revenue, compliance monitoring of disability parks, and the process for reporting violations.	20/05/2026	Complete	15/05/2026
LG2448	29/04/2026	Mahony Horner Lawyers	Information about engagement with Ngā Hapū o Himatangi in respect of Lake Pukepuke/Pukepuke Lagoon over the past five years	27/05/2026	Complete	22/05/2026
LG2449	29/04/2026	Stuff	Information about current or future insurability of properties in MDC region	27/05/2026	Complete	20/05/2026
LG2450	30/04/2026	Helen Clark Foundation	Information on museum and gallery funding over last 10 years	28/05/2026	Complete	14/05/2026
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 reviewed.	3/06/2026		
LG2452	7/04/2026	Individual	All documents and materials that guide, inform, or record how staff make decisions affecting clients, including policies, criteria, training, tools, and internal communications. It also includes records and processes related to reviewing, auditing, categorising, escalating, and correcting those client decisions.	6/05/2026	Complete	6/05/2026
LG2453	4/05/2026	Individual	Invoices from the past six years for Building Consent Authority accreditation. also, whether any transfer of powers to Fire and Emergency New Zealand has occurred, and if so, the dates and copies of related agreements.	2/06/2026	Complete	22/05/2026
LG2454	11/05/2026	Stuff	Information about notable trees in Pharazyn Street	9/06/2026	Complete	27/05/2026
LG2455	11/05/2026	Chapman Tripp	Information about heritage order applications, proposals or NOR in Taonui Road property	9/06/2026	Complete	15/05/2026
LG2456	21/05/2026	STRAGENTUM	Seeking information about Manawātū District Council's procurement process for professional services, including spend thresholds for direct procurement and closed tenders, and whether there is a professional services supplier panel available to join.	19/06/2026	Complete	25/05/2026

2. Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

2.1 Not applicable as this is an 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.