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Sent: Tuesday, 8 July 2025 12:07 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: LGOIMA Request for Information on Aukaha Limited Contracts and Expenditure
Attachments: Partnership Protocol DCC and Aukaha Ltd July 2024-June 2025.pdf; Payments made to Aukaha for last 3 years.pdf

Kia Ora

I refer to your e-mail below. Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your request for information.

In respect to question 1, please find attached the document "Partnership Protocol DCC and Aukaha Ltd".

With respect to question 2, please find attached a breakdown of the \$1,363,039.34 spent on Aukaha Limited services over the past three years. Your request for hourly rates, specific deliverables, and measures of performance is declined under section 17(f) of LGOIMA, that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Unfortunately we do not hold this information in a format that would enable us to provide it easily. To do so would require us to review every invoice and every request made, to capture the information.

In response to questions 3,4 and 5, I advise that this is declined pursuant to section 17 (e) of LGOIMA that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it cannot be found.

Please note in regards to questions 3 and 4 that there are no other providers of these services.

As we have declined to provide some information you are advised that you have the right to seek a review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Kā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2025 8:00 a.m.
To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: LGOIMA Request for Information on Aukaha Limited Contracts and Expenditure

Dear Dunedin City Council,

Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, I request:

1. All contractual agreements, memorandums of understanding, and partnership documents between the Council and Aukaha Limited.
2. A detailed breakdown of the \$1,363,039.34 spent on Aukaha Limited services over the past three years, including hourly rates, specific deliverables, and measures of performance.
3. All documentation regarding the business case or justification for these services, including any consideration of alternative providers.
4. Details of the tender or procurement process used to engage Aukaha Limited, including whether competitive quotes were sought.
5. Any evaluations, reviews, or assessments of the value for money or effectiveness of services provided by Aukaha Limited.

Regards,

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Partnership Protocol

**Dunedin City Council
And
Aukaha (1997) Limited**

July 2024 – June 2025

Partnership Protocol

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this protocol is to further the partnership between Kāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnaka and the Dunedin City Council (DCC) by establishing a Protocol for the operational interface between Aukaha and DCC staff.
- 1.2. This Protocol informs any obligations of the DCC to consult with Kāi Tahu under the Local Government Act of 2002, or any other legislation within the jurisdiction of the DCC.

2. Parties

- 2.1. The parties to the Protocol are **Aukaha (1997) Limited (Aukaha)**, on behalf of Papatipu Rūnanga Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki and Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou (kā rūnaka), and the **Dunedin City Council (DCC)**.

3. Representatives

- 3.1. The Chief Executive is the official Aukaha representative who will liaise with the DCC.
- 3.2. The Manahautū (General Manager), Policy and Partnerships is the official DCC representative who will liaise with Aukaha.

4. Resourcing and Funding Arrangements

- 4.1. The DCC and Kāi Tahu will work together on the allocation of resources to support the relationship and a consistent approach to the environmental, economic, social and cultural well-being of Kāi Tahu whānui across all the relevant duties and functions of the DCC, as outlined in Te Taki Haruru, the DCCs Māori Strategic Framework.

- 4.2. The parties recognise that Aukaha, the Papatipu Rūnaka owned regional environmental entity, makes a valuable contribution to facilitating a Treaty partnership approach to resource management in the region, such that both the DCC and Kāi Tahu will commit to annual funding discussions for Aukaha.
- 4.3. Agreed resourcing and funding arrangements associated with delivery of this Protocol are attached as **Schedule 1** and will be reviewed annually.

5. Planning and Programmes

- 5.1. The parties will work together to ensure that the DCC has an annual work programme that appropriately reflects the priorities and interests of kā rūnaka.
- 5.2. The parties will work together to develop quarterly Te Pae Māori agendas, with Aukaha being the liaison for mana whenua representatives.

6. Reporting and Review

- 6.1. The DCC has an obligation to report to the elected Council about the structure of the annual work programme, including how funding is being distributed to support core partnership activities and programmes. Auhaka will provide information to allow the DCC to meet this obligation.
- 6.2. Auhaka will have the responsibility for engaging with Papatipu Rūnaka during delivery of the annual work programme to support integrity of the partnership.
- 6.3. Kanohi ki te kanohi reporting is recognised as an appropriate Treaty partnership approach and will be used as the principal mechanism between parties to assess the operation of this Protocol. Kanohi ki te kanohi reporting will be monitored through various forum throughout the year by both parties to ensure it achieves effective operation of the Protocol.
- 6.4. The governance of the partnership will occur at a mana to mana level through Te Pae Māori. Mana whenua representatives on Te Pae Māori will ensure the values of Te Taki Haruru are upheld, with Aukaha having the responsibility for working with DCC to embed Te Taki Haruru into the operational mechanisms they are participating in.

- 6.5. The Representatives will nominate staff to meet monthly to assess the operation of this Protocol as required.
- 6.6. This Protocol can be changed with mutual agreement. Any changes to this Protocol are to be in writing and signed by Aukaha and DCC.

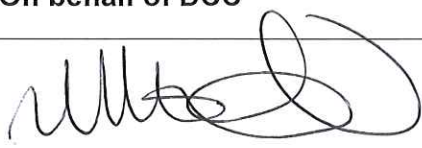
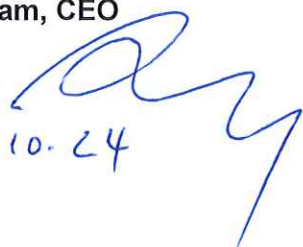
7. Related Documents

- 7.1. This Protocol allows both parties to deliver upon existing partnership commitments, significantly the Manatu Whakaaetaka (Relationship Agreement between kā Runaka and DCC) and Te Taki Haruru, the Councils Māori Strategic Framework.
- 7.2. In addition, related documents include, but are not limited to:
- Manatu Whakaaetaka (Relationship Agreement) between Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki and, and the Dunedin City Council (DCC).
 - Te Taki Haruru, DCCs Māori Strategic Framework
 - Te Rōpū Taiao Governance Charter 2012, with 2017 amendment, between Papatipu Rūnanga and Local Authorities in Otago Region.
 - Resource Consent Protocol 2014 between Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki and, and the Dunedin City Council (DCC).

8. Payment Schedule

- 8.1. In accordance with the Council resolution **AP/2019/001**, \$250,000.00 (plus GST, if any) will be paid to Aukaha annually.
- 8.2. The first payment of \$125,000.00 will be paid to Auhaka upon signing of this Protocol. The second payment of \$125,000.00 will be paid to Auhaka on []. Subsequent annual payments will be made following the annual review.

9. Signatories

On behalf of Aukaha (1997) Limited	On behalf of DCC
 Caron Solomon-Ward CEO Signature: Date: 01/10/2024	 Nicola Morand General Manager, Policy and Partnerships Signature: Date: 1-10-24 Sandy Graham, CEO Signature:  Date: 3-10-24

Schedule 1: Resourcing and Funding Arrangements

- 1) The parties commit to an annual contribution to fund **Aukaha**, the Papatipu Rūnanga owned regional environmental entity, for the purposes of developing and supporting delivery of the DCC work programme.
- 2) Funding provided to Aukaha is intended to support the DCC and Papatipu Rūnanga to engage in a meaningful Treaty partnership:
 - relationship development and mana whenua presence in relevant and agreed DCC activities,
 - establishing agreed work streams within the DCC work programmes
 - Kā rūnaka engagement in agreed capital works programmes
 - Mana whenua engagement in Te Pae Māori
 - The planning stages of urban design and civic realm projects, with reference to the scale of the project
 - strategy and policy development and implementation
 - development of statutory documents and plans, up until the point of public notification

- the processing of non-notified resource consent applications where the DCC is not the applicant
- fees for mana whenua representation on panels or committees that fall within the agreed work programme

3) Partnership funding is not intended to cover:

- training, cultural workshops or translation services
- cultural impact assessments for specific projects, particularly larger scale DCC projects
- requests associated with larger scale or unscheduled projects that require specific design or additional resources, eg signage
- cultural narratives and cultural design strategies
- mātauraka/science fieldwork and reporting
- direct engagement with resource consent applicants, or situations where the DCC is a resource consent application

4) Aukaha Funded

- post-notification stages of any statutory process
- notified resource consent applications

AUKAHA (1997) LIMITED						
Business Unit Description	Account Description	Explanation -Remark-	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Grand Total
Parks and recreation						
Parks & Reserves Asset Renewal	Landscaping	Hancock Park Consultation	774			774
New Recreational Facilities	Other Structures	Engagement/input - Tahuna Park		160		160
Moana Pool Renewals	Other Plant	Cultural design		35,693	4,573	40,266
New Mosgiel Pool	Design Services	Information Board Design			6,387	6,387
	Marketing Consultants	Mosgiel Pool comms		3,455		3,455
Parks Bldgs Contracts	Building Mtce	St Kilda track wall removal	338			338
Recreation Policy	Other Consultancy Costs	New playspaces -Botanic Garden			11,682	11,682
		Destination playgrounds' design			16,479	16,479
	Plans & Policy Mgmt & Consulta	Tunnel Beach - Cultural		12,610	11,759	24,370
Aquatic Admin/Oh	Other Consultancy Costs	Rebranding Aquatics	3,878	4,991		8,869
		St Clair toddlers pool assess	575			575
Transport						
Central City Upgrade	Roading Contractors	George St	36,887	35,326	22,771	94,984
Peninsula Wide Sect-5,7	Roading Contractors	Cutural Design Input		5,985	300	6,285
St Clair Sewall Steps and Ramp	Roading Contractors	Consent application	349			349
Tertiary Precinct Upgrade	Roading Contractors	Union Street Trial Design	2,430			2,430
SFDT C City Bike Hub Parking	Roading Contractors	Bike Hubs Concept Design Input			4,689	4,689
3 Waters						
Malvern St-Leith Xing FS Renew	Project Detailed Design	Consultation	751			751
Middlemarch WWTP consent study	Project Optioneering	Partnership & Engagement	323			323
Warrington WWTP Consent Study	Other Consultants	CIA for Northern WW Schemes		16,239	180	16,419
Warrington MBBR new plant	Other Consultants	Warrington MBBR consultation			416	416
Cannington Rd SW Imprvmts (WC)	Resource Consent Fees	Consultation	1,056			1,056
Waikouaiti WTP Upgrade	Other Consultants	Aukaha engagement		9,768	3,522	13,290
	Project Detailed Design	Cultural Impact Assessment	20,668		170	20,838
		WTP Support Work	4,332			4,332
Asset Planning 3 Waters	General Consultants	WSP and SWRMP consulting		1,890		1,890
Other						
South Dunedin Community Comple	Construction Contractors	Cultural Engagement Design			68,427	68,427
		Design Services		40,076		40,076
Civic Centre Roof Renewal	Construction Contractors	Cultural Engagement Design			25,819	25,819
Maori Partnerships	Catering	mana whenua hui re TTH			607	607
		MSF workshop 21 June			433	433
	Grants to Clubs,Groups	Partnership Protocol	250,000	250,000	250,000	750,000
Corporate Planning	Other Contracted Services	Translation services	160			160
NZ Marketing	Other Contracted Services	Cultural interpretation servic	270			270
Destination Management	Other Contracted Services	Cultural awareness Scooping &			29,000	29,000
		Harbour Cycleway cultural interpretation		100,310		100,310
Comm Dev-Civic/Council Events	Project Management	Mana moana - Affected Party		412		412
Galleries, libraries, museums	Other Consultancy Costs	Toitū Otago Settlers Museum cultural			10,430	10,430
Galleries, libraries, museums	Other Plant	ExteriorDesignElectricBookbus		1,997		1,997
Solid Waste Admin/M	Other Consultancy Costs	Green Island Landfill & resource recovery	1,884	32,127	9,307	43,318
	Other Consultancy Costs	Development of the Southern Black Backed Gull management plan and Smooth Hill ecolog		7,076	2,875	9,951
		Waste Futures - S92 response	425			425
			325,098	558,116	479,825	1,363,039