

From: Kristy Rusher  
Sent: Thursday, 4 August 2016 4:48 p.m.  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Laura McElhone  
Subject: Correspondence of 9 July 2016

Dear Mr Johnstone,

In response to the issues raised in your correspondence dated 9 July 2016:

1) The reported reference in the ODT to the external peer review was actually a reference to work the Council was undertaking to investigate the performance of the mud tank maintenance contractor which informed the April Council report. Given strong public interest in the conclusions of both the Council reports, OPUS were later commissioned to undertake an external peer review of the staff reports.

2) The peer reviews were commissioned prior to your request. The peer review for the November infrastructure performance report was commissioned on or around 5 April 2016. The peer review for the mud tank report was commissioned on or around the 16th of May 2016. The scope of both reports was finalised on the 24th of May.

3) The peer review reports were initially provided to Council staff in a draft form so that they could be checked that they answered all relevant questions, and did not need to address any additional points (such as questions of elected members). The peer review reports arrived in their final form on 4 July 2016. We advised you in response to your request that the reports were to become public, and we provided you with a copy of them on that date.

4) Your request for information was processed in accordance with LGOIMA timeframes, and was answered as soon as practicable given the volume of other requests that were being processed at the time your request was received.

Regards, Kristy Rusher

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