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Steve Cross
Nelson Residents Association



Dear Mr Cross,

Official information request for 580646, CROSS, WORKSHOPS

I refer to your official information request dated 29-March-2017 for information about councillor workshops. The answers to your questions are below:

1. Does your Council hold Workshops?

Yes.

2. How many Workshops has your Council held in the past 12 months? Note: an approximation is acceptable where information isn't readily available. Please state if your answer is an approximation rather than an actual figure. Any suitable 12 month period is acceptable eg calendar year, financial year - please advise what basis you have used.

For the purpose of answering this question I have counted the number of private workshops held between April 1, 2016, and March 31, 2017. The number held within this timeframe was seven. In addition to this, after the election last year we held 17 half-day briefing sessions on a range of topics to induct and train the newly elected councillors.

3. Are your Workshops open to the public?

Workshops held for the benefit of councillors are not open to the public. Sometimes Council holds public consultation workshops on matters like the annual plan. These are attended by both elected members and the public.

4. Do you publicise your Workshops in a manner that the public can know the dates and times of future Workshops eg on Council website?

No when the workshop is a non-public one. Yes when it is a public one.

5. Does your Council have a written policy in respect to Workshops. If so, please provide a copy.

We do not have a written policy on workshops.

6. Do you allow media representatives to attend Workshops?

This decision would be made on a case-by-case basis. Media are invited to public workshops.

If you wish to discuss this information with us, please feel free to contact me and I can

direct you to the appropriate person.

Yours sincerely
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