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From: Jenny Lapham
Sent: Tuesday, 22 June 2021 04:43 p.m.
To: 'max@taxpayers.org.nz'
Subject: FW: LGOIMA requesting information on closed Council meetings - Closed Council meetings

Dear Max

I refer to your e-mail below requesting information regarding the number of Council/Committee meetings held and the number of public excluded meetings. Our responses are in red below each question. Please note the period is from 1 July 2020 to 18 June 2021. All the meetings have been held in public, however in some cases a part of the meeting was held with the public excluded.

1) And 2) Total number of full council meetings and total number of 'closed' full council meetings
There were 21 full council meetings during the period of these 18 had a public excluded section.

3) Total number of full committee meetings
The Council has 5 Standing Committees and 22 meetings have been held during the period

4) Total number of closed committee meetings
Of the 22 meetings 2 had a public excluded section.

5) Total number of workshops or alternative meetings that were held with the public excluded
The Council does not hold alternative meetings. The Council does not keep a record of workshops.

Regards

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This is a request for Official Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act of 1987 going to all councils in New Zealand in relation to closed council meetings. We request the following information be broken down by month: Please provide the total number of full council meetings for the last 12 months Please provide the total number of 'closed' full council meetings (ones from which journalists or the public were excluded) Please provide the total number of full council committee meetings for the last 12 months Please provide the total number of 'closed' full council committee meetings (ones from which journalists or the public were excluded) The number of alternative meetings i.e. 'council workshops' that were closed to the public over the last 12 months We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden for your agency. Should clarification be required, please call or email. Similarly, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust that request to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in the assembly or provision of some of the information requested, please provide the balance as it becomes available. In any place where possible, data that can be presented in an excel format is preferred to other methods of presentation e.g. PDF. To avoid unnecessary printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response and any other correspondence related to this email address. Please refer to "Closed Council Meetings" in the subject line. Best,

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