

21 October 2019

Response to official information request relating to Mayor Tana's fuel card expenditure

I refer to your request for official information received 10 October 2019 relating to legal advice and costs in relation to Mayor Tana's fuel card expenditure. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The questions you specified in your request have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

- (1) Did the Chief Executive Officer, Wendy Walker take legal advice relating to the release of the auditor's report into Mike Tana's Fuel Card, and did she act on that advice, when deciding not to release that report.**

Yes.

- (2) What was the cost to Porirua City Council for the issues relating to this audit. Please include the cost of legal advice, and the costs of the auditor and any staff that were involved.**

Auditor and legal costs are not known at this stage. We have not recorded staff time for those involved in the matter so this cost is also not known. Please resubmit your request at a later date if you still wish to receive this cost information. I expect that by early December we would have a clearer picture of the total costs involved. This part of your information request therefore cannot be provided under section 17(e) LGOIMA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse part of your information request. Details about how to make a complaint are available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800-802-602. The address for the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact me directly on phone (04) 237-1401 or email wendy.walker@porirua.govt.nz.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wendy Walker'.

Wendy Walker
Chief Executive
Kaiwhakahaere Matua