

14 November 2023

J H Wilkie

Via email: [fyi-request-24358-db8768c3@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-24358-db8768c3@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear J Wilkie

### **Request for information in relation to mayoral expenses**

1. We respond to your request for Official Information received by Council on 8 October 2023 for the following information:
  - a. *Please provide copies of all Mayoral expenses since he/she was elected (for their entire tenure if they were re-elected). Happy to receive only the last seven years if he/she has been in office for longer.*
  - b. *This information should be readily available so should not need to be created, nor should it be difficult to extract. This should also not come at an expense as the public interest test should be applied.*
  - c. *Costs should include, but not be limited to travel and accommodation costs, vehicle / fuel / EV costs etc, hospitality / entertainment, gifts, public relations, advertising etc. This must include amounts charged to existing accounts, not just expenditure claimed back from him/him in the form of claims. This will include the reasons for spending public money.*

### **Decision**

2. We have decided to grant your request in part.
3. We have also decided to refuse your request in part subject to s7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
4. We have redacted the personal contact details of Mayor Sam Broughton where the redaction is necessary to protect his privacy. Council considers that the Mayor would have an expectation that his personal email address, postal address, financial information and or cell phone numbers would not be provided wider than the intended recipient or become public information.

*Section 7(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.*

5. We have considered whether it is in the public interest to release this information, but do not believe that it is in the public interest to release this information due to the reasons given above.

6. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or free phone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sharon Mason'.

Sharon Mason  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**