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Tēnā koe Maurice

### **INFORMATION REQUEST – Meeting documentation**

We write in response to your email dated 17 January 2024 in which you requested the following information:

**any communications, meetings notes etc regarding the information evening on Tauranga's 2024 local body elections mentioned in article linked below planned for Monday, 19 February.**

<https://bopbusinessnews.co.nz/local-government/new-year-greetings/>

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“**LGOIMA**”) and respond as follows:

The candidate information evening to be held on Monday, 19 February 2024 mentioned in the article in the BOP Business News is part of the Democracy Transition Plan being developed in preparation for the July 2024 Tauranga City Council election. A copy of this Plan is attached at Attachment 1.

There were two meetings with Commissioners on the development of the Plan and the notes of those meetings are attached.

- Attachment 2: Notes from meeting on 20 March 2023
- Attachment 3: Notes from meeting on 9 October 2023

There was a briefing to the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee on 18 September 2023 on elections and the presentation and feedback from that briefing is attached. See Attachments 4 and 5.

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 freephone 0800 802 602.

We may publish this response on our website as your request may be of interest to others.  
All personal information will be removed and only the question and answers will be seen.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kath Norris', written in a cursive style.

Kath Norris  
**Team Leader**  
**Democracy Services**