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INFORMATION REQUEST

On 20 May 2024 you asked for communications about the removal of the Deputy Mayor Baldock in 2020. Here is our response to your questions:

Please supply all materials previously released under a LOGIMA request for email and text communications between elected members in relation to the matters of the requisition letters for the removal of the Deputy Mayor Baldock in 2020 and related topics. These were previously available via TCC Secure Upload site.

A number of requests were received in June 2020 which meant we collated email and text correspondence over the date range 1 May 2020 to 15 June 2020 for all Councillors. The email and text correspondence for this date range is available for download at the below link. The correspondence contained in these files is relating to any of the following:

- leadership.
- deputy mayor,
- letter of requisition,
- chairperson and deputy chairperson positions,
- remuneration, or
- advice regarding appointment of deputy mayor

Link to access attachments, this will expire on 31 August 2024:

https://secureftp.tauranga.govt.nz/public/folder/mbprwng3tuechxneenykkg/2020%20 Councillor%20Correspondence

The following files are included:

- 1. Cr. Jako Abrie Email (3.2mb, pdf)
- 2. Cr. Jako Abrie Texts (24kb, pdf)
- 3. Cr. Larry Baldock Email (2.6mb, pdf)
- 4. Cr. Larry Baldock Texts (150kb, pdf)
- 5. Cr. Kelvin Clout Email (1mb, pdf)

- 6. Cr. Kelvin Clout Texts (339kb, pdf)
- 7. Cr. Bill Grainger Email (2.5mb, pdf)
- 8. Cr. Bill Grainger Texts (2kb, pdf)
- 9. Cr. Andrew Hollis Email (885kb, pdf) Note: there is no text file for Cr. Hollis as there was no information in scope
- 10. Cr. Heidi Hughes Email (483kb, pdf)
- 11. Cr. Heidi Hughes Texts (121kb, pdf)
- 12. Cr. Dawn Kiddie Email (925kb, pdf)
- 13. Cr. Dawn Kiddie Texts (81kb, pdf)
- 14. Cr. Steve Morris Email (2.9mb, pdf)
- 15. Cr. Steve Morris Texts (140kb, pdf)
- 16. Mayor Tenby Powell Email (2.8mb, pdf)
- 17. Mayor Tenby Powell Texts (2.1mb, pdf)
- 18. Cr. John Robson Email (1mb, pdf)
- 19. Cr. John Robson Texts (67kb, pdf)
- 20. Cr. Tina Salisbury Email (674kb, pdf)
- 21. Cr. Tina Salisbury Texts (265kb, pdf)
- 22. Attachments from all emails (12.3mb, pdf)

This request and the response have been considered under the LGOIMA¹. Information has been withheld as follows:

Information is withheld under section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. Redactions have also been applied where the information is out of scope.

The legal advice provided to Councillors on 1 June 2020 by Marty Grenfell is withheld under section 7(2)(g) of LGOIMA to *maintain legal professional privilege*. We have considered the public interest in the release of this information and do not consider that it outweighs the need to withhold.

If you are not happy with this response you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me.

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¹ Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987