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Tēnā koe Curious Wellingtonian

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2024 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council), requesting the following information:

- *In relation to the Wellington City Council 2024/34 Long Term Plan, please provide any letters, emails, Txt messages, WhatsApp messages, Signal messages, Viber messages, calendar appointments, and handwritten/typed notes/recordings of phone conversations/meetings between:*
  1. *Cr Diane Calvert and the Office of the Auditor General*
  2. *Cr Tony Randle and the Office of the Auditor General*
  3. *Cr Ray Chung and the Office of the Auditor General*
  4. *Cr Diane Calvert and Minister Simeon Brown (and/or his staff)*
  5. *Cr Tony Randle and Minister Simeon Brown (and/or his staff)*
  6. *Cr Ray Chung and Minister Simeon Brown (and/or his staff)*
  7. *Cr Diane Calvert and Minister Nicola Willis (and/or her staff)*
  8. *Cr Tony Randle and Minister Nicola Willis (and/or her staff)*
  9. *Cr Ray Chung and Minister Nicola Willis (and/or her staff)*

*for the period between 1 May and 30 June 2024.*

Your request is being considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

In answer to questions 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9, please find attached, as **Appendix 01** to my response, a table detailing the correspondence being released to you and the decision on the release. Some information has been withheld from the correspondence pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, and section 7(2)(f)(ii) of the LGOIMA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

As per section 7(1) of the LGOIMA, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this response, the withholding of this information is outweighed by the other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

In answer to questions 2, 5 and 8, no correspondence was found between the relevant Councillor and recipient, therefore I am refusing those portions of your request pursuant to section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Some information contained within the email chains is considered to not be in scope of your request and as such has been marked as “out of scope”.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council’s decision to withhold and refuse information by the

Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact [official.information@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:official.information@wcc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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