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**Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

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Tēnā koe James

Thank you for your email of 23 August 2024 to Wellington City Council (the Council) in which you seek information about the Reading cinema initiative under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA). You have specifically requested the following:

- *Please detail all costs if any incurred by the WCC, associated with the Reading Cinema deal that was abandoned earlier this year.*
- *This should include but not be limited to entertainment costs, legal and consultant costs, reports etc.*

Wellington City Council (the Council) recognises the extent of public interest in the novel commercial arrangement that it was investigating with Reading. We have prepared a set of documents for public release, arising from this initiative, from the lead-up to the Memorandum of Collaboration and Understanding (MOCU) being signed, through to the Council's decision to terminate the initiative on 16 April 2024. The financial information you requested is part of this set, and we have attached it to this letter.

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 by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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