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Dear Michael Chung

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (the Act) 1987

We refer to your email of 30 October 2024 for:

The ROI for the Ricoh Sports Centre states that if multiple candidates are shortlisted after evaluation then these candidates will be invited to participate in a second stage Request for Proposals (RFP) process. If only one candidate was considered viable then Council reserves the right to enter into direct negotiations.

Did Council shortlist multiple candidates? If so, could Council please provide a copy of the RFP and any associated documents that were provided to shortlisted candidates?

I also request a copy of any documents associated with the evaluation process. For clarity this includes any records of the evaluation process, and any documents provided to evaluation panel members in relation to the evaluation process.

Response:

Council invited four submitters to proceed to the RFP. Three took up the option and two submitted RFPs, with one late withdrawal. That process is still underway. Once this process has been completed, we will be able to release the RFP documents.



Therefore, we are withholding this Information under section 7(2)(i) of the Act, as withholding the information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely

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