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Tēnā koe Miss Quicken

### **Request for information 2026-206**

I refer to your request for information dated 8 May 2026, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 8 May 2026. You have requested the following:

*“Dear Wellington Regional Council,*

*Relating to my earlier request of Go Media / Advertising services;*

*Please provide:*

*A) ADVERTISING SERVICES Procurement Plan*

*B) Evaluation panel membership (names) of the said RFP (Advertising services)*

*C) Independent advisors (names) who participated in RFP*

*D) Conflict of interest register for the B & C*

*E) Who or What process was the responsible of advertising & selecting B & C*

*I would like to understand the council RFP governance as part of my research on transparency in the conduct of public sector procurement practices.*

*This is especially important given the conduct was not in the spirit of Part 2 of Commerce Act 1986 s.27 (Contracts, arrangements, or understandings substantially lessening competition prohibited)”*

## **Greater Wellington's response follows:**

Your request has been assessed under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act).

### **a. Advertising Services Procurement Plan**

Please see **attachments 1-3** which contains a copy of the Procurement Plan, the RFP - our requirements document, and the RFP response form.

We have withheld the signature of our staff, and the names and signatures of external organisations under section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

When withholding information under this section we are required to consider the public interest in the release of the information. We have considered this and do not believe that the public interest outweighs our decision to withhold the information.

### **b. Evaluation panel membership (names) of the said RFP (Advertising services):**

Please refer to **page 14** of **attachment 1** for the Evaluation panel membership (names) of the RFP.

### **c. Independent advisors (names) who participated in RFP.**

There was one independent advisor who participated in the RFP. This person's name is withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

When withholding information under this section we are required to consider the public interest in the release of the information. We have considered this and do not believe that the public interest outweighs our decision to withhold the information.

### **d. Conflict of interest register for the B & C**

No conflict of interest register exists. Therefore, this part of your request for information is refused under section 17(e) of the Act in that that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

When refusing under this section, we are required to consider consulting the requester. We have considered this and do not believe that consulting with you would change our decision to refuse under this section.

Greater Wellington Officers involved in the RFP process including evaluators completed a Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Agreement. The evaluation panel chair managed the probity requirements throughout the process.

If requested under the Act, Greater Wellington would likely refuse to release these Conflict of Interest or Confidentiality Agreements to you and would be withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

***e. Who or What process was the responsible of advertising & selecting B & C***

Michael Freeman, then Senior Business Development Specialist in the Strategy and Investment team was responsible for the stand up of the panel.

The evaluation methodology in the procurement plan (**attachment 1**) sets out the process.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



**Fiona Abbott**

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