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Dear Gavin

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAYOR MIKE TANA

I refer to your official information request dated 28 July 2017 relating to relocation of Mayor Mike Tana's family to Porirua and Council costs associated with the Mayor's Office. The information you have requested is provided below, with the questions you specified included as numbered headings in bold.

- 1. *When will Mrs Tana and the family relocate to Porirua, as promised by Mr Tana in his pre election speeches?***
 - This is not information the Council holds. I suggest you contact Mayor Mike Tana in person if you want personal information of this nature.
- 2. *As Mr Tana is commuting between Porirua and Rotorua regularly, who is paying for those travel expenses?***
 - Mr Tana makes his own travel arrangements for his personal travel. Occasionally he uses the car provided for him as part of his Mayoral remuneration. He is entitled to use this for private use.
- 3. *If this is the Porirua City Council, how much has been spent on those travel expenses since October 2016 when he was elected?***
 - We have assessed personal use of the Mayor's vehicle at less than 20% of the costs incurred as part of his remuneration package. We do not itemise individual trips.
- 4. *How many people are working in the Mayoral office providing support services?***
 - The Mayor currently has a secretary on permanent staff and two part-time consultants on fixed term providing support services.
- 5. *What is the role of Frank Hughes (?) who has recently joined the office?***
 - Mr Hughes is engaged as an advisor for the Mayor. His particular tasks are to:
 - a. work with the Mayor to develop his strategic priorities for the triennium;
 - b. develop a stakeholder framework that supports these priorities; and
 - c. work with the Mayor through the Long-term Plan process to realise these aspirations.

6. What are his business qualifications for his role supporting Mr Tana?

- Mr Hughes has a private sector background and was recommended for this role because of his skills in strategy and operations. This includes 35 years' experience in the areas of information technology, business improvement, sales, marketing, organisational strategy and more recently consulting for a range of organisations.

7. Is he a full time employee or a consultant contractor?

- Mr Hughes is a contractor.

8. Who is paying his salary or consultancy fees?

- Porirua City Council is paying Mr Hughes' fees.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Anne Rose at arose@pcc.govt.nz or Ph 04-237-3590.

Yours sincerely



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