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Subject: Local Government Official Information Request – Notification of Decision - LGOIMA Ref: 24-0002
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Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information Request – Notification of Decision

We refer to your Request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (**LGOIMA**) regarding our responses to LGOIMA requests which was received by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (**Council**) and acknowledged on 10 January 2024.

Council has now made a decision on your Request.

Council has decided to provide the following information:

1. How many requests for Official information (LGOIMA) did the Council receive in the year 2023?

Answer: The total number of LGOIMA requests received in 2023 was 161. Note this figure does not account for requests which may have been transferred to other agencies or withdrawn.

2. How many of them were handled within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days?

Answer: There were no requests in 2023 that were not responded to within the 20-working day statutory timeframe.

3. Out of all responses to requests for official information in 2023, how many of them were made publicly available (e.g., on your website)?

Answer: Currently, the LGOIMA requests Council receives and responds to are not made publicly available. Council is looking to make its responses available going forward.

4. How many of all the requests for official information in 2023 were refused on the grounds that these requests were "frivolous or vexatious or that the information requested is trivial" (see Section 17 (h) of Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987)?

Answer: No requests were refused under section 17(h) of the LGOIMA.

5. Were the people informed that their requests for information were refused under Section 17 (h) LGOIMA?

Answer: As above, no requests were refused on this basis.

Please note that you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted by calling 0800 802 602, emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Our LGOIMA responses may be published on the Council website. If we do this, we will not publish the requester's personal or contact details. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

If you contact the Council about this Request, please quote the BOPRC reference number above.

Ngā mihi nui

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