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4 November 2024

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

Thank you for your email of **16 October 2024** requesting the following information:

Could you please send me a copy of the Council/Sub Committee minutes confirming the appointment of “The Independent Hearing Panel”.

The Panel produced a report dated 20th June 2023, on their findings on proposed Plan Change 2.

There are no Council or Council Subcommittee minutes, nor a resolution relating to the appointment of a plan change hearing panel. The reason for this is because the selection of the independent hearing panel (the ‘Panel’) for Plan Change 2 (PC2) was made by the chair of the Strategy and Operations Committee, who had delegation to appoint hearing panels under the previous triennium’s delegations. Attached, is a copy of the signed memo authorising the appointment of the Panel for PC2.

Details of some individuals have been withheld from the information provided. The decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

The Panel’s report to Council, dated 20 June 2023 can be found on Council’s website. However, for your convenience, it has been attached here.

Some information has been withheld under the following section(s) of the LGOIMA 1987: 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kris Pervan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kris Pervan
Group Manager Strategy and Growth
Te Kaihautū Rautaki me te Tupu

If you require the attachments referred to in the above letter, please contact the Information Request Team - informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz