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Good Evening,

Please find attached a letter from David Bryant, General Manager – People and Organisational Performance, of today's date for your information.

Kind regards,

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Executive Director
New Zealand Taxpayers' Union Inc.
By email: 

Dear 

Hamilton City Council – Information discussion

Thank you for the meeting with Richard and myself. Our view was that the meeting was positive and opened the door to constructive conversations with yourself and the Taxpayers' Union.

I think we all agree that improving the transparency of local government as a sector can only be a positive step. Hamilton City is committed to progressing open data in local government, in 2019 we supported Waikato Local Authority Shared Services (LASS) in launching the [Waikato Data Portal](#). The portal allows easy access to the council's open datasets in a variety of formats. The first data released included spatial GIS datasets, more recently data on dogs and restaurants has been included by HCC.

The data will continually grow and improve over time. The intent is to make financial data sets available, there is the challenge of ensuring this information is meaningful to those use it. At the meeting you expressed an interest in supporting such an initiative with a larger Council. We would be happy to talk to you further about this. Maybe email through the contact details of who in your organisation would be able to work with us on this and we can get in touch with them.

As discussed in our meeting, if you have any feedback on our responses to information requests from the Taxpayer's Union let us know, pick up the phone and talk to our staff. Likewise, we appreciate the offer to talk discuss requests we have come in from your team.

Regards,



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