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**Subject:** RESPONSE: LGOIMA 21096 - [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] - Maori Representatives on Council

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

**Are there currently unelected positions on the council and its subcommittees specifically for Maori representatives?**

Yes, Hamilton City Council currently have five Maangai Maaori representatives (four Iwi and one maataa waka).

They are appointed to the following committees of Council:

- Finance Committee x one iwi representative
- Community Committee x one iwi representative and x one maataa waka representative
- Strategic Growth Committee x one iwi representative and x one maataa waka representative
- Infrastructure Operations Committee x one iwi representative
- Economic Development Committee x one iwi representative and x one maataa waka representative
- Environment Committee x one iwi representative
- Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee x one iwi representative.
- Hearings and Engagement Committee – all Maangai Maaori are members of this committee but only attend hearings relevant to the committees they are individually appointed to.

You can also find the above information in our Governance Structure which is available on our website [here](#).

**If so, what roles and voting powers do these Maori representatives hold?**

Maangai Maaori Members have full voting rights on the committees they are members of.

**If so, what is the process for selecting these representatives?**

A full recruitment process was undertaken by staff and key Elected Members prior to the appointment of our Externally Appointed Committee Members of the Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee. Candidates were shortlisted and then interviewed with a preferred candidate recommended to the Council for approval.

In relation to Maangai Maaori, Waikato-Tainui and Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa were responsible for nominating suitable candidates meeting agreed criteria. This is outlined in the Kawenata which can be located [here](#) as part of the Council agenda from 2 August 2018.

**If so, how much are Maori representatives paid?**

In relation to Maangai Maaori, staff undertook a review of arrangements and reported findings to a meeting of Council on 4 February 2020 [here](#). That report included recommendations concerning Maangai Maaori remuneration; namely, that Maangai Maaori be paid \$100/hour multiplied by an estimated number of hours required for each committee. The rate of \$100/hour was in accordance with that previously set by Council, benchmarked to 'the fee payable to Elected Members sitting on an RMA or ATA Panel Hearing.'

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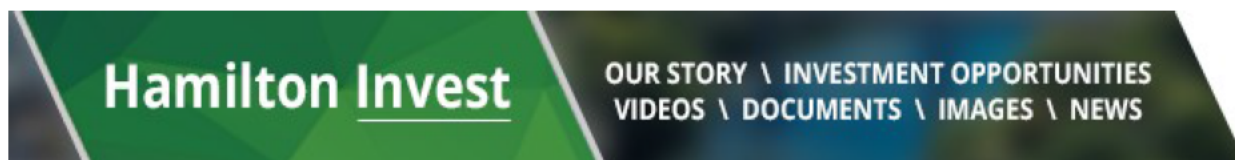
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Subject: Maori Representatives on Council

Warning! This message was sent from outside your organization and we are unable to verify the sender.

This is a request for Official Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act of 1987 in relation to the positions of Maori representatives at Hamilton City Council.

We request the following information:

- Are there currently unelected positions on the council and its subcommittees specifically for Maori representatives?
  - If so, what roles and voting powers do they hold?
  - If so, what is the process for selecting these representatives?
  - If so, how much are these representatives paid?

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden for your agency. Should clarification be required, please call or email. Similarly, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust that request to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought,

please get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in the assembly or provision of some of the information requested, please provide the balance as it becomes available.

To avoid unnecessary printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response and any other correspondence related to this email address. Please refer to "Maori Representatives on Council" in the subject line.

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