

Laura Bowman

From: official information
Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 4:19 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: FINAL RESPONSE: LGOIMA 21300 - [REDACTED] - Waikato Lands Trust and Social Housing Fund

Kia Ora,

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

You Requested:

1. Is the \$2million in the 2018-28 10-Year Plan to be used as seed funding for a Hamilton Social Housing Fund and the \$1,000,000 in 2019/20 and a further \$1,000,000 in 2020/21 for the Waikato Community Lands Trust for purchasing land one and the same or different?
2. Why are there a different uses:
 - Seed funding
 - Purposes of research, administration, concepts, architectural plans and engineering design and consent applications, and
 - \$1,000,000 in 2019/20 and a further \$1,000,000 in 2020/21 for the Waikato Community Lands Trust for purchasing land
3. What progress has the Waikato Lands Trust made?
4. What land has been purchased?
5. What is the current state of the Waikato Lands Trust including financial?
6. Does the land held in perpetuity by the Waikato Community Lands Trust, become leasehold to the affordable housing owner/occupier?

Our Responses:

1. Yes, these are the same thing.

The original decision of Council was to set aside \$2million to support Social Housing in the city in the best way possible (initially seen as a contestable grant) utilising money being received as the final payment from the sale of Council's pensioner housing. Engagement with the Sector around the criteria and guidelines to focus the grant occurred, leading to a briefing with Councillors in November 2018. Subsequent meetings with Councillors and community stakeholders identified the potential opportunity to support a Land Trust model in the city. Relevant Council reports on the topic can be found here:

[14 March 2019](#)
[27 June 2019](#)
[17 September 2019](#)
2. The differences occurred as a Community-Led approach was taken by Council to understand the biggest impact the allocated funding could have
3. Progress:
 - The Waikato Community Lands Trust is a registered independent charity on the charities register (CC58268).
 - The Waikato Community Lands Trust is a charitable trust with a vision that every person and every family in the Waikato is well-housed.
 - The Trust is a collective of volunteer board members with a contracted trust administrator to support the governance of the board.

- The scope of the Trust is to work with partners and collaborators to make Trust land available for the development of quality housing and community facilities ensuring perpetual access to affordable housing.
- The Trust adopted their strategic plan and action plan in October 2020 ensuring it adds value to the overall Waikato Regional Housing approach across the affordable housing spectrum. The strategic plan focusses on the following core initiatives to provide sustainable and meaningful impact for Waikato's housing market:
 - o Funding and Investment
 - o Partnerships and Collaborations
 - o Communication and Engagement
 - o Meeting the diverse needs of our community
 - o Data and Impact
 - o Advocacy for plan changes
- The Trust's current focus is on developing a modelling matrix to help navigate their decision-making process when offered investment opportunities. Ongoing stakeholder engagement is occurring to form partnerships across the wider Waikato Region including local and central government, Iwi and housing community organisations.

4. Please be aware, Waikato Community Lands Trust is not a Council entity and as such Hamilton City Council does not hold or have access to this information.
Therefore, this request is refused pursuant to section 17 (g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 in that the information being sought is not held by the organisation.
The Charities Services website contains contact details for the trust as being mhow@kiwinet.org.nz and contact number 0210652946.
5. As per our response above, we do not hold this information.
6. As per our response above, we do not hold this information.

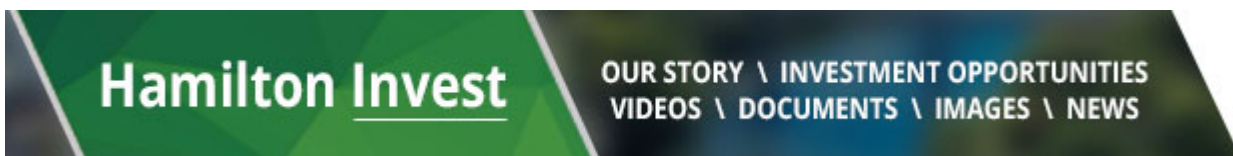
You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind Regards,

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From: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 4:56 pm
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Cc: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: LGOIMA 21300 - [REDACTED] - Waikato Lands Trust and Social Housing Fund

Kia Ora,

I write to acknowledge your information request of Wednesday 13 October 2021 as below.

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than Thursday 11 November 2021.

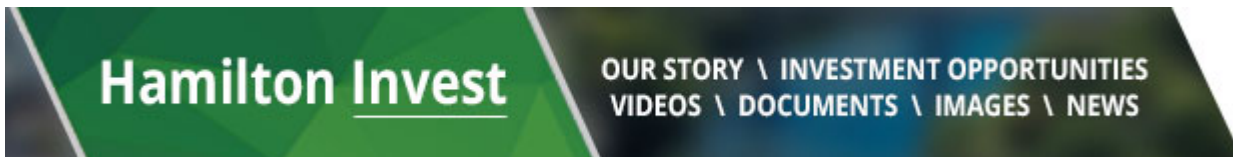
In light of the recent announcement regarding COVID-19 and New Zealand's Alert level 3, the safety of our employees is paramount. We've made necessary changes to our working environment and operations that may result in limited availability of some of our staff members. We appreciate your patience during this time. Please allow some extra time for a response to your request as we are all doing our best to accommodate the new circumstances.

Kind Regards,

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From: Hamilton City Council <do.not.reply@hcc.govt.nz>
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To: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: HCC Website - Official Information Request ref: HCC-QF-211013-7H3QQ-92R

HCC Website - Official Information Request

Reference: HCC-QF-211013-7H3QQ-92R

Attachment: attached

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Detailed Description of Request

Waikato Community Lands Trust

Organisation: not supplied