

**From:** [Official Information](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Official Information](#)  
**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 394360 - [REDACTED] - Request for Official Information  
**Date:** Friday, 10 May 2024 2:49:54 pm

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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

Your request:

The information requested is:

- . How much money has Council spent on bat protection in the City, including surveys, roost boxes and their ongoing maintenance, supervision of tree felling and the development of the strategy?
- . How much of this was spent in the last financial year?
- . How much money has been allocated for bat protection in the draft Long term Plan 2024 to 2034 and how much of this money has been allocated for land acquisition in Peacocke development area? In Waikato Times March 13, 2023 city planning manager Mark Davey is quoted as saying " It'll be a big number".

Our response:

Parks response:

- In the 2022/23 financial year the Parks & Recreation Unit spent \$60,408 on bat protection activities across Hamilton City. This relates to both planned and reactive work during the year.
- The proposed 2024-34 LTP has \$25k per year of planned bat management funding requested to support BAU work within Parks & Recreation Unit activities. There is another \$34k per year set aside for ecological monitoring, some of which is anticipated to support reactive work relating to bat management should the need arise.
- Renewal & Level of Service projects for the proposed 2024-34 LTP will contain a provisional sum for project planning and external services, these don't specify an amount for bat management as the need for such activity won't be known until funding is approved, a project manager is assigned, and they undertake their project planning.

As how much has been spent we have a Bat Management Plan and this is our current budget and how much we've spent from 2016 - current:

Budget \$20,000.00

Current spent \$18,285.00

As we have not heard from you regarding the timeframe you are wanting spent on bats in Hamilton, we have not provided this information. We will consider this request closed and once you have a timeframe we can reopen.

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 <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/> or freephone 0800 802 602.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 12:05 PM  
To: Official Information <<mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>>  
Subject: RE: Clarification - LGOIMA 394360 - [REDACTED] - Request for Official Information

Yes this was received.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Official Information [<mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>]  
Sent: Thursday, 2 May 2024 9:23 a.m.  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Official Information  
Subject: Clarification - LGOIMA 394360 - [REDACTED] - Request for Official Information

Kia ora [REDACTED],

I am just sending a follow up to see if you had received our below email.

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[REDACTED]  
Cc: Official Information <<mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>>  
Subject: Clarification - LGOIMA 394360 - [REDACTED] - Request for Official Information

Kia ora,

I refer to your official information request dated 11 April 2024. Hamilton City Council are requesting a clarification around your request.

Your request:

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Further clarification required:

Hamilton City Council is willing to provide a response to your request.

However, to ensure we are providing you with the best response, are you able to please clarify when you ask for how much money has council spent are you able to provide a date range? You have asked for the previous financial year, is that how far back you are wanting us to go - i.e. from 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023, or 1 July 2022 - to date.

Can you please respond to the Official Information team via this email address regarding this clarification by 25 April 2024.

Please note, under

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1987/0174/latest/DLM122297.html>

of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

- our deadline date will be extended from the date that you reply to this request for clarification.

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Cc: Geoff Taylor <<mailto:geoff.taylor@council.hcc.govt.nz>>  
Subject: Request for Official Information

To Hamilton City Council

Re: bat protection and bat strategy in Hamilton City

The information requested is:

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Fitzroy Neighbourhood Group

11 April 2024

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