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Subject: Final response - LGOIMA 447972 - Taxpayers Union - Committee Structure
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Kia ora,

Thank you for your inquiry, please see the below responses.

Your Question:

- Committee structure
- a list of your Council’s standing committees, including their names, scope, and delegations.
 - the hierarchical structure of committees and their relationship to the Council/governing body. For example, whether decisions by the committee must be approved by the Council/governing body.

Our Response:

The information that you are seeking is included in our [Governance Structure: Terms of Reference and Delegations for Council, and Committees of Council 2022-25 Triennium](#). We have laid out our Council and Committees showing the names, scope and delegations of each. On page 6 we have a diagram that shows the reporting lines back to Council, in the diagram it also shows the Chair and Deputy Chair of each.

Your Question:

Committee memberships - A breakdown of the number of elected and the number of unelected members (i.e. appointments under Cl 31(3) of Sch 7 of LGA) on each individual committee.

Our Response:

In the [Governance Structure](#) it shows which of our 15 Elected Members and five appointed Members sit on which committee.

Your Question:

- Details of unelected members
For each unelected committee member please provide:
- Their names and contact information
 - Their date of appointment
 - Whether or not they have voting rights on the Committee(s) they sit on
 - The specific “skills, attributes, or knowledge” that in the opinion of the local authority assist the work of the committee or subcommittee (refer to Cl 31(3) of Sch 7 of the LGA).
 - Their CV (if the Council does not hold a CV, please provide biographical information such as what qualifications, professional memberships, and work history the Council is aware of).

Our Response:

Name	Contact information	Appointment Date	Committee with voting rights
Maangai Jaydene Kana	Jaydene.Kana@council.hcc.govt.nz	06/07/2023	Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee
Maangai Norm Hill	Norm.Hill@council.hcc.govt.nz	06/07/2023	Infrastructure and Transport Committee
Maangai Olly Te Ua	Olly.TeUa@hcc.govt.nz	06/07/2023	Community and Natural Environment Committee
Bruce Robertson	Bruce.Robertson@rbri.co.nz	14/03/2024	Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee
Carol Bellette	carol.bellette@gmail.com	01/07/2024	Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee

Please note, the date of the [resolution](#) in which the Council resolved the continuation of three Maangai Maaori roles for the 2022-25 triennium with the Committees with associated voting rights and areas of focus was 4 May 2023. You can find more information about Maanagi Maaori on this page - <https://hamilton.govt.nz/your-council/about-council/our-partners/maaoiri/>.

We have withheld the C.V of each member to protect the privacy of that natural persons under section 7 (2) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Each of our appointment members have been appointed due to their specific “skills, attributes, or knowledge” You can find a profile on each member on our website, direct links have been included in the table above.

Your Question:

Public accountability - For unelected committee members, please tell us whether contact information is available on the Council’s website to at least the same degree as the elected officials.

Our Response:

As a part of each Elected and Appointment Member’s profile we have contact information where possible.

Your Question:

- Remuneration and expenses
A. Please provide the remuneration paid to each unelected member in the last 12 months (or, if easier, calendar year 2024 is fine).

B. Please provide the total amount of expense reimbursements and travel costs paid to or on behalf of each unelected member in the last 12 months (or, if easier, calendar year 2024 is fine).

Our Response:

Each Maangai Maaori Representative receives \$40,000 per annum.
Chair of Strategic Risk and Assurance receives \$34,000 excl GST per annum.
Deputy Chair of Strategic Risk and Assurance receives \$17,500 excl GST per annum.

Maangai Te Ua travelled to Belgium as a military escort to Mayor Paula. Hamilton City Council contributed \$4800 (Including GST) towards the cost of his travel and accommodation. The cost of the return airfares was \$3,973.25
The remaining balance of Council's contribution (\$826.75) went towards the required accommodation for 5 nights.
Other costs in relation to this trip were covered personally by Maangai Te Ua, including the balance of the accommodation, insurance, meals, and local transport.

Your Question:

Interests register

Please provide the most recent interests register information for each of the unelected committee members.

Our Response:

Declarations of interest can be found on our website under our Governance Structure. Please see the link. [Elective member | Declarations of Interest](#)

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.

Ngaa mihi

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 10:13 AM
Subject: OIA Request: Committee Structure

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a request for official information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 in relation to the committees at your Council.

Given recent public attention on unelected appointments to Council committees, we want to understand the extent of the use of Cl 31(3) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 across all councils.

We appreciate that some of, but not necessarily all, the information sought will be publicly available on your Council's website. However, given the information is likely to be contained in an unknown council agenda/report, please provide the specific URL to where we can find the sought information for each of the requests below.

We request the following information:

1. Committee structure

- a list of your Council's standing committees, including their names, scope, and delegations.
- the hierarchical structure of committees and their relationship to the Council/governing body. For example, whether decisions by the committee must be approved by the Council/governing body.

2. Committee memberships

A breakdown of the number of elected and the number of unelected members (i.e. appointments under Cl 31(3) of Sch 7 of LGA) on each individual committee.

3. Details of unelected members

For each unelected committee member please provide:

- Their names and contact information
- Their date of appointment
- Whether or not they have voting rights on the Committee(s) they sit on
- The specific “skills, attributes, or knowledge” that in the opinion of the local authority assist the work of the committee or subcommittee (refer to Cl 31(3) of Sch 7 of the LGA).
- Their CV (if the Council does not hold a CV, please provide biographical information such as what qualifications, professional memberships, and work history the Council is aware of).

4. Public accountability

For unelected committee members, please tell us whether contact information is available on the Council’s website to at least the same degree as the elected officials.

5. Remuneration and expenses

A. Please provide the remuneration paid to each unelected member in the last 12 months (or, if easier, calendar year 2024 is fine).

B. Please provide the total amount of expense reimbursements and travel costs paid to or on behalf of each unelected member in the last 12 months (or, if easier, calendar year 2024 is fine).

6. Interests register

Please provide the most recent interests register information for each of the unelected committee members.

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.

Please specify where relevant whether costs are inclusive or exclusive of GST.

In any place where possible, data that can be presented in an excel format is preferred to other methods of presentation e.g. PDF.

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.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Signature]

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