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Official Information Request No.8140006131
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

By email - fyi-request-11846-81e2d2db@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ani

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)
Auckland Feminism 2020 event.

Thank you for your email which we received on 2 December 2019 about the Feminism 2020 Event. I apologise for the delay in our response. Your request and our response are set out below.

Please provide all internal and external correspondence and communications regarding Speak Up For Women and the Auckland Feminism 2020 event.

Please also provide any documentation pertaining to this group and event also.

Attachment 1 contains this written correspondence, documentation and communications. In addition to the attached information some verbal discussions took place among staff members with relevant responsibilities in regard to this event. As these were not formal meetings, no minutes were recorded. The public statement made by our Chief Executive – see page 31, is a fair and accurate summary of these internal discussions.

The following information has been withheld from the attached pursuant to the followings sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- **Section 7(2)(a)** - some names, contact details and identifiable information members of the public have been redacted to protect their privacy.
- **Section 7(2)(f)(i)** – the options paper and the revised version prepared by Manager Community Places and draft statements prepared by Head of Diversity and Inclusion have been withheld and removed to maintain the effective conduct of public of affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinion by or between or to members or officers or employees acting in the course of their duty;
- **Section 7(2)(g)** – all correspondence from council's legal team have been redacted or removed to maintain legal professional privilege.

- **Section 7(2)(f)(ii)** – We have redacted staff names, job titles and contact details and some names and contact details of parties who have corresponded with us. We have done this to protect staff from undue pressure or harassment. We have made this decision because this correspondence will be published online and we believe it is likely that some of these people may be targeted inappropriately for unfair and public criticism.
- **Section 7(2)(c)(i)** – some internal correspondence relating to communication draft statements and correspondence with council's partner rainbow organisations in the revised options paper have also been withheld and removed, where withholding is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making the information available would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information.

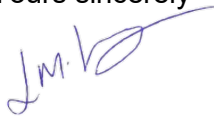
We have also made the decision to withhold under this section, correspondence in which the writers express their personal opinions and objections to this event being held in an Auckland Council venue. This correspondence consists of emails from members of the public, people who have professional or working relationships with Auckland Council and Auckland Council staff.

We consulted with those involved in this correspondence who expressed concerns that the publication of the information may result in their words being taken out of context and republished elsewhere. They told us they felt it would be a breach of confidence for the council to release this information and they would be unlikely to feel safe in sharing this type of information with the council in the future.

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

If you have any questions please contact me at joanne.kearney@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or Ph 09 977 1702.

Yours sincerely



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Decisions relating to what information is being released to you were made by Stephen Town, Chief Executive Officer, Auckland Council.