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Dear Rachael

**Official information request for DCC Animal Services Annual Report to the Department of Internal Affairs**

I refer to your official information request dated 23 November 2020 for Council to provide reasons and evidence for a number of questions including:

- the expert advice received for the design of the Council dog parks;
- reasons for maintenance priorities of public spaces (which you considered were being held above the maintaining of dog parks);
- the mathematical formula used for the dog park to dog numbers ratio;
- the number of unregistered dogs;
- explanation of details provided in sections of the DCC Annual Report to the Department of Internal Affairs regarding the number of dogs neutered, microchipped; classified as dangerous, aggressive and for observed behaviours such as roaming.

As advised to you on 8 December 2020 that due to the level of research and collation to action your request (estimated as three hours of staff time), that Council intends to impose a charge of \$152.00 for this request. A copy of this advice and the Council's LGOIMA charging policy is attached again for your information.

Your response of 14 December 2020 advised that you do not agree to pay the proposed charge. Therefore the Council declines your request pursuant to section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information Meetings Act 1987, due to substantial collation.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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