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Official information request 8140008625
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Kieran Bennet

By email: fyi-request-15501-7baaa749@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Kieran

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

Re: Copies of correspondence – council staff cuts

We refer to your request received on 19 May 2021, where you asked for information relating to staffing cuts and the hiring freeze in 2020.

We have set out your request and our response below.

Your request

Please provide under the OIA all documents, advice, communications and records of meetings which discuss the April 2020 decision to give notice to contractors, consultants or "contingency workers" and begin a hiring freeze for new staff as discussed in this article <https://www.interest.co.nz/news/104701/auckland-council-faces-massive-drop-revenue-due-lockdown-and-expected-recession-proposes>

Please include communication between Auckland council staff, and between council staff and politicians. I am interested in the decision making process and planning of, and reaction to the announcement.

I do not need information produced after July 2020.

Please include any estimates of the cost savings related to these decisions.

Our response

Informed by the information we knew of, we conducted ICT searches in an attempt to locate the email correspondence between the relevant people.

Some of those searches lead to between 1000 and 4100 results. We are therefore refusing the provision of information on the basis of substantial collation.

We also carried out a manual search to identify some relevant information that we could provide you without encountering issues of substantial collation and research. We have focused on the key dates involved and have identified some information within the scope of the request.

Please see **attached** information which shows:

- The final report which was approved by our Executive Leadership Team on 1 April 2020.
- The email communication to our people and elected members on 7 April 2020 advising them of the decisions made.

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Patricia Reade, Deputy Chief Executive**.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman if you believe we have not responded appropriately to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140008625.

Yours sincerely



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