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Dear Mr Jacobson

Official Information Request Response

Thank you for your information request, submitted via the fyi.org.nz website, in which you have asked for information relating to the Council's plans to replace a number of IT applications with a core Council Application platform.

In your information request, you asked the Council to provide you with information relating to the following points:

1. *the business case and analysis to support the proposal by Wellington City Council to 'replace over 120 applications with a core Council Application platform'. This project was listed in the programme for the 2014 ALGIM conference:*

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/algimconf/daythree/?&categoryid=758619&&boothid=&PHPSESSID=kqa7ddckq2lcg1pudbl4m7d0b6&PHPSESSID=a9nrsb5b8jp91dkm4ogv3100a6>

Please find attached a copy of the Business Case presented to the Odyssey Steering Group on 17 December 2014. Please note that two pages of the business case have been withheld, under the following sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 –

Section 7(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Section 7(2)(i) – to enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Despite the synopsis for the presentation at the ALGIM conference advising the contrary, the Council is not looking to replace “over 120 applications”. What is happening is that we are targeting those “over 120 applications” and replacing as many as possible.

The current applications landscape at WCC is a complex picture, built over a long time – resulting in systems that do not integrate as well as is desirable, contain

duplicated data, and are increasingly difficult and costly to maintain. These now present an increased threat to the stability of Council's service offerings.

This situation will worsen as time passes, and may reach a point where business interruption from these system's failures will simply not be sustainable. This will create a significant impact on Council's ability to service its customer's needs. Before we reach that point, we must act – and this is a fundamental driver for this Core Council Application Platform replacement project.

2. a detailed list of the 'over 120 applications' which are to be replaced with a core council application platform, and the estimated cost of decommissioning these applications including migration of data and write-off of the capital book value of the systems to be replaced.

Please find attached a list of the applications we have at Council that are being targeted for *probable* replacement.

The estimated costs of the decommissioning these applications are integral to the procurement negotiations. As such the Council is withholding the requested information under the following sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 -

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3. any case studies held by the Council of other councils where multiple applications have been replaced by a single core application platform.

The Council does not hold information on case studies carried out by other Councils where multiple applications have been replaced by a single core application platform, so I am unable to provide you with information relating to this part of your request.

4. the estimated costs of the replacement core system and the date when this project is scheduled to be completed.

The Council is currently involved in procurement negotiations with prospective third party vendors concerning the provision of a core Council Application platform. The estimated costs of the replacement core system are integral to the procurement negotiations. As such the Council is withholding the requested information under the following sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 -

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However, I am able to advise you that the project is currently scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2016.

If you disagree with the decisions to withhold information, you can apply in writing to the Ombudsman to have the decision investigated and reviewed under section 27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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