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Dear Mr Jacobson

## **Official Information Request Response – Shared IT Services in the Wellington Region**

Thank you for your information request, submitted via the fyi.org.nz website, in which you have asked for information relating to the cost of merging or sharing IT services, consolidating ICT infrastructure across 4 Councils in the Wellington region.

I am answering this request on behalf of the 4 Councils involved in the Shared Services ICT Infrastructure Services project (SIIP), who have transferred the requests to WCC. Those Councils are Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Porirua City Council and Upper Hutt City Council.

In addition, I have been given authority to provide you with a response on behalf of Hutt City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council and Masterton District Council, who have also transferred the requests to WCC. Although these local authorities are not involved in SIIP, please accept this response on their behalf also.

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

### ***1. any comparative analysis held by the Council of the computer systems currently used by each council in the Wellington region including costs of provision of ICT services.***

The Councils are withholding the requested information 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 Councils to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

***2. the estimated costs of merging existing computer systems in the various councils in the Wellington region into a single computer system for use in an amalgamated council.***

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***3. proposals, recommendations and reports provided to the regional CEO forum on shared services for ICT and the minutes of the discussion and decisions made in response to those proposals, recommendations and reports.***

Please find attached a copy of a briefing note, sent by the regional CEO Forum to the regional Mayoral Forum in August 2013. It details an understanding and commitment to merge and share certain functions and responsibilities across the Councils where possible to provide an improved and better value service to ratepayers.

***4. all reports, analysis and recommendations held by the Council on participation in shared services for ICT with other councils in the Wellington region and the comparative advantages and disadvantages identified for participation.***

The four Councils are currently involved in procurement negotiations concerning the consolidation of ICT infrastructure.

At this stage, we have down-listed the vendors from the open request for proposal (RFP) to 2 supplier consortiums.

We are negotiating the scope, commercials, service provision and other components over the next few months. Following this, a business case will be presented to the CEO Forum for their consideration.

Please note that there are some figures in the briefing note that have been withheld. Additionally, concerning the remainder of your request, the Councils are withholding the requested information under the following sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 -

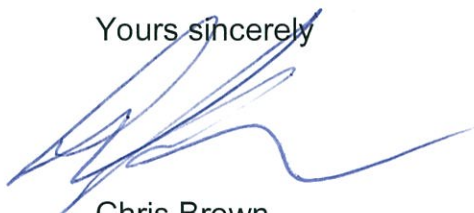
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If you disagree with this decision, you can apply in writing to the Ombudsman to have the decision investigated and reviewed under section 27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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