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RE : Official Information request - Costs of producing 'before the deluge' reports

Tēnā Koe Maureen,

Local Government Official Information Request – Notification of Decision

We refer to your Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) regarding a request for “costs relating to the various iterations of the “Before the Deluge” report, including invoices, documents relating to the commissioning, production and expenditure on the reports, inclusive of why and how the reports were commissioned, who approved the commissioning request and any advice provided to the decision maker on whether to approve the commissioning” received by the Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL) on 22 April 2024. (Request).

As you are aware, Greater Wellington Regional Council transferred your request to Regional Software Holdings Ltd (RSHL) pursuant to section 12 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. This was done on the basis that this information is not held by Greater Wellington Regional Council but is more likely to be held by RSHL.

The preparation of “Before the Deluge” Report (and revision) was led by Te Uru Kahika. Te Uru Kahika is a representative group of all regional councils and unitary authorities across New Zealand.

RSHL is the shared services company for Te Uru Kahika and is a Council Controlled Organisation owned by 10 Regional and Unitary councils. It provides a vehicle for shared projects and services.

Following is the information you requested.

Please note that we have redacted some names and contact information to protect the privacy of some non-council people. Hourly rates have also been redacted as they are commercially sensitive.

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Cost Breakdown

Following are the costs associated with each version of the report:

	Version 1 (FY2023)	Version 2 (FY2024)
Hotprint	\$679	\$3,289
Maven Consulting Ltd	\$148,820	\$56,500
Tonkin & Taylor Ltd	\$40,280	
	\$189,779	\$59,789

Please note:

- The costs of producing the report were shared equitably between the 16 organisations that make up Te Uru Kahika.
- Costs of council staff (from all councils) participating in the production of the report are not known and so cannot be provided.

Invoices

Please see the attachment "Before the Deluge Invoices".

Internal documents and emails relating to the production and approval of expenditure for the reports and all documentation and correspondence relating to the commissioning of these reports.

NB For the purposes of this request "internal" has been interpreted as applying to any correspondence between staff from any of the Te Uru Kahika councils, and RSHL staff.

All documentation and correspondence relating to the commissioning of these reports. Including

- documentation and correspondence on why these reports were commissioned,
- how they were commissioned (direct approach or competitive tender?),
- who approved these requests,
- any advice provided to that decision-maker when considering whether to approve the commissioning of these reports.

Please find attached:

Document Description	File Name
Email to the River Managers SIG Outlining the approach	2022-07-02 1.Email River Managers SIG Leads – Co-investment Business Case Roadmap Project Plan
The DRAFT of the business case roadmap that was attached to the email.	2022-07-02 2. Co-investment Business Case Roadmap.
The Project Plan for development of the business case that was attached to the email.	2022-07-02 3. Email Project Plan
Email giving approval to proceed	2022-08-01 1. Email Catch up today about a Co investment opportunity this Friday at 12 o'clock- APPROVAL
The business case roadmap attached to the approval email.	2022-08-01 2. Co-investment Business Case Roadmap Final

The Tonkin and Taylor LoE attached to the approval email.	2022-08-01 3. Tonkin and Taylor Letter of Engagement
Maven Proposal	2022-08-12 River management and flood protection business case - Maven proposal -12 August 2022 - v1.0
Meeting Notes from meeting with Maven on 25 August	2022-08-25 Maven Kent Duston Co-investment Treasury Business Case Proposal Meeting Notes
Notes from meetings of the River Managers Group	2022-09-09 1. RM SIG Champions Teams Meeting Agenda DRAFT v1 2022-09-09 2. RM SIG Champions Group Mtg Follow Up Notes DRAFT 2022-11-02 RM SIG Champions Group Mtg Follow Up Notes DRAFT
Signed Contract for the Business Case Refresh	2023-10-02 Maven proposal - Before the Deluge refresh - v1.1 25 October 2023-10-02 SFA RSHL- Maven Consultants Ltd SIGNED

Please note that you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted by calling 0800 802 602, emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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