

22 May 2015

Mr Ian Apperley
(Via email <https://fyi.org.nz/help/officers>)

Dear Mr Apperley

**LGOIMA Decision- A copy of Shared Services ICT and Infrastructure
Regional Detailed Business Case - 27 February 2015**

Thank you for your emailed information request dated 8 May 2015. You have asked for the following information:

Dear Wellington City Council,

The Wellington City Council website (<http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/projects/sharing-ict-infrastructure>) notes that:

"A regional detailed business case was approved on 27 February 2015. This provides a regional view of the benefits and costs of shared ICT infrastructure services."

This request is for a copy of that "detailed business case".

To assist your understanding, the programme adopted by the regional Chief Executive's in this process is following the Treasury's 'Better Business Case' model.

This allows for an approach tailored for the nature of the work being undertaken in managing the selection of a preferred supplier to deliver shared ICT infrastructure services for Wellington City Council (WCC), Porirua City Council (PCC), Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC), Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and Wellington Water Ltd (WW).

This is a three-phased process of which the regional detailed business case is the first major gate in the procurement/tender process.

A further update to the business case will be developed following this current phase to support the preferred supplier selection.

Following selection of a preferred supplier, a more detailed implementation plan will be undertaken with the supplier. This implementation plan will then be presented for approval to the regional Chief Executive's to make a final decision whether to proceed with the shared services project.

As part of the current phase, the programme is now engaged in due diligence, initial commercial negotiations and the best and final offer process with shortlisted suppliers.

Under section 7 (2)(b)(ii), 7 (2) (h) and (7 (2) (i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, a copy of the detailed business case is refused as Council is still working through the RFP evaluations.

The regional detailed business case contains commercial information that would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the suppliers who supplied or are the subject of the information.

Further, the Council is carrying out commercial activities and negotiations with each supplier and wishes to do so without any risk of prejudice and it is in the public interest that the integrity and confidentiality is protected throughout the process.

If you disagree with the decision to refuse the request for a copy of the regional detailed business case, 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.

Yours sincerely

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