

5 August 2024

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Tēnā koe James

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2024 to Wellington City Council | Te Kaunihera o Pōneke (the Council) requesting information regarding regarding Mayor Tory Whanau. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Please find my response below.

- 1. As per the Mayor's recent media interviews, all instructions, advice, comments or suggestions to councillor's, staff or council officers from Tory Whanau or her office regarding Mayor Whanau's ADHD diagnosis and how meetings, obligations and communications should be structured or set.*
- 2. All communications between Tory Whanau and her office and Ethan Manera or NZME representatives regarding the Mayor's TikTok account, being neurospicy and the organisation of media interviews.*
- 3. All communications if any between the Mayor and her office and property developer Sir Mark Dunajtschik or his representatives after the 29th of February.*
- 4. All communications if any, from the Mayor and her office regarding her renewing her Green Party membership. This should include all internal communications, texts, emails, press releases etc.*

The Council has decided to grant your request in part, with some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, and section 7(2)(f)(ii) of the LGOIMA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure of harassment.

As per section 7(1) of the LGOIMA, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this response, the withholding of this information is outweighed by the other considerations which render it desirable to in the public interest to make the information available.

Additionally, some information is refused pursuant to section 17(g)(i), as the information requested is not held by the local authority and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

The Council requires more time to finalise our response to your LGOIMA. You can expect the final response and corresponding documents no later than **19 August 2024**.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold and refuse information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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