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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 11 August 2024, to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke / Wellington City Council (the Council) about staff under Liam Hodgetts, Chief Planning Officer. You have specifically asked for:

Please provide the names and professional contact channels (email, phone numbers) for the staff under Liam Hodgetts in planning and abatement offices.

Unless you can also provide the information in a visual tree diagram, may I suggest you provide the information in a table, with a ReportsTo column?

With regard to the right to privacy, we do not wish to disregard it but believe that their role as a public servant, along with their contact information being available in public consent and abatement notices freely available via LGIOMAs or other routes, is already public in nature.

With regard to planning and abatement officers, please provide a notes column to provide their expertise in a specific work aspect if any (commercial, residential, urban, rural, etc.) and/or primary city suburb/similar they may work in.

There are no teams titled Planning or Abatement under Liam Hodgetts, and the Council has a number of teams that deal with different aspects of planning and enforcement. Accordingly, your information request lacks the necessary due particularity, which is a requirement for requests under section 10(2) of the LGOIMA. To progress further, we need you to clarify the team or Council functions that your request refers to. To help you, the staff positions that respond directly to Liam Hodgetts are listed below.

- Executive Assistant to Chief Planning Officer
- Chief Advisor to the Chief Planning Officer
- Manager Consenting and Compliance
- Manager City Design
- Manager Housing Development
- Manager Climate Change Response
- Manager Strategic Planning

If your interest is in resource consent planning and compliance matters, you can contact this team through the email address rcmonitoring@wcc.govt.nz or by calling 04 801 4017. For building compliance and consenting, please use the email address bcc@wcc.govt.nz or call 04 801 4311. If your enquiry relates to the district plan or other planning documents, you should contact planning.admin@wcc.govt.nz, in the first instance.

With regards to staff involved in Council's planning and enforcement functions, we do not hold a prepared list of their areas of expertise or regions they work in. Accordingly, your request for this information is refused under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation.

The Council allocates an appropriate officer to deal with any matters that require its attention. Members of the public are not able to influence the choice of the Council officer who is allocated to the task. Should you need more targeted assistance to address your concerns or situation, you may like to seek independent legal or planning advice.

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 response to your information requests above by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [Ombudsman New Zealand | Tari o te Kaitiaki Mana Tangata](#) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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