

Response to LGOIMA request from [REDACTED]

3 May 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Thanks for your email dated 19 April in which you requested the following:

Please supply vehicle reimbursements made to the Chief Executive for the following periods:

- 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022
- 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023
- 1st July 2023 to 31st Dec 2023

I can provide the following response:

The total remuneration package of the Chief Executive has been disclosed in all the Annual Reports listed in the request. Under the accounting reporting guidelines and model financial statements provided by the Office of the Auditor-General, the notes to the financial statements do not have to specifically include the phrase “including fringe benefits tax” and have it disclosed separately.

The Council is complying Schedule 10, section 32 of the Local Government Act 2022 which states:

### **32 Remuneration Issues**

1. An annual report must include a report on the remuneration that, in the year to which the report relates, was received by, or payable to, each of the following persons:
  - i. The mayor or chairperson of the local authority:
  - ii. Each of the members of the local authority:
  - iii. The chief executive of the local authority.
2. The report under subclause (1) must show, in relation to each person specified in that subclause, that person’s total remuneration for the year.
3. To avoid doubt, subclause (2) applies to the total remuneration (including the value of any non-financial benefits) that, during the year, was paid to the person, or was payable to the person, by the local authority and any council organisation of the local authority.

The Chief Executive Officer makes a salary sacrifice for the use of a dedicated Council owned vehicle. The full remuneration package disclosed in the accounts includes the adding back of

the salary sacrifice and FBT incurred by the Council for the private use portion. This approach is consistent across any manager that has a council-owned vehicle that they have full use of.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website

<http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. A. Straith', written in a cursive style.

Lornae Straith  
GM Corporate Support