

From: Official Information
Sent: Thursday, 31 May 2018 11:21 a.m.
To:
Subject: LGOIMA response - Mayor's External Advisory Group

Dear ,

Thank you for your email, received on May 2nd 2018. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

Under the Local Government and Official Information Act I request the total costs incurred by the Christchurch City Council, detailed breakdown of costs and a calculation of the total payments made to the members of the Mayor's External Advisory Group (EAG) in relation to the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (sic).

Response:

The External Advisory Group (EAG) was established by the Mayor to provide expert independent advice to assist the Mayor and Councillors in the review, development, prioritisation, and phasing of the delivery of its capital programme and related opex implications.

The Mayor noted that the EAG provided valuable feedback and tested the executives' thinking throughout the 2018-28 LTP process, which assisted staff to finalise the current draft Infrastructure Strategy and capital programme. The EAG Report focuses on how the Councillors and staff can collectively learn how we might improve on this year's process in developing the next Annual Plan and Long Term Plan (LTP). The Report is instructive and useful for both Councillors and the Chief Executive, it highlights where there are risks or issues in alignment with strategic priorities, in processes, in reporting/monitoring, and in current capability, and makes recommendations as to an appropriate course of action, either for this LTP or the next.

The Chief Executive welcomed the Report and commented that the EAG process had resulted in staff making a number of adaptations to documentation and processes as a result of the EAG feedback during the LTP process.

The findings of the EAG Report also are timely in relation to the most recent Residents Survey which highlights residents' concerns about focusing on core infrastructure.

The costs of the EAG were as set out below:

	Meetings	Total	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5	Member 6
Hours		\$74,925	\$22,575	\$17,550	\$34,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
Disbursements		\$8,603	\$0	\$0	\$5,209	\$3,394	\$0	\$0
Total	13	\$83,528	\$22,575	\$17,550	\$40,009	\$3,394	\$0	\$0

The Appendices to the EAG Final Report sets out 12 individual meetings held between July 2017 and January 2018, but excludes two half day presentations by EAG members to the Strategic Capability Committee and to the full Council.

Paid members were also reimbursed for their time reading briefing materials and preparing for meetings. Two members undertook additional work and reading as part of a sub-Group which reviewed Asset Management Plans and Levels of Service. Three members also undertook the preparation of the final EAG Report. The disbursements column represents the direct costs associated with travel to and from meetings and presentations for EAG work. Only members residing outside of Christchurch were provided with disbursements for travel.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

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Yours sincerely,

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