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By email: [redacted]

Tēnā kōrua [redacted],

Request for information 2026-275

I refer to your request for information dated 28 June 2026 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 2 June 2026. You have requested the following:

"For all divisions, please can you provide costs on the following:

- *Costs of co-management arrangements for Te Upoko Taiao and all council advisory groups and sub committees with whanau/hapu/iwi representation. The costs should include staff time, stipends to representatives, any koha, travel, accommodation and meeting costs.*
- *Costs of co design and co management related to developing and preparing any planning and management documents. The costs should include staff time, stipends to representatives, any koha, travel, accommodation, meeting costs and report costs including translation*
- *Costs of programmes for cultural health monitoring.*
- *Costs associated with whanau/hapu/iwi involvement in resource consents and/or compliance*
- *Costs associated with whanau/hapu/iwi involvement in land management arrangements - practical or planning.*
- *The amount of direct funding for all iwi organisations."*

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Greater Wellington's response follows:

Your request has been assessed under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act).

As per our phone call on 17 July 2026 at, the information requested is for the most recent completed financial year being 2025/26.

- ***Costs of co-management arrangements for Te Upoko Taiao and all council advisory groups and sub committees with whanua/hapu/iwi representation. The costs should include staff time, stipends to representatives, any koha, travel, accommodation and meeting costs.***

  The following council advisory groups and sub committees with mana whanua, hapu, iwi representation for 2025/26 were identified:

  Te Upoko Taiao

  - No additional costs associated with mana whanua, hapu, iwi representation for this committee.

  Wairarapa Committee (until Oct 2025):

  - One meeting on 9 September 2025. One mana whenua member appointed and entitled to receive Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee of $250 and mileage[1].

  Civil defence and emergency management (CDEM) Group:

  - There were five meetings in 2025/26. Two mana whenua advisors were entitled to receive Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee of $250 and mileage.

  Wellington Regional Leadership Committee (WRLC):

  - There were two meetings in 2025/26. Six mana whenua partners were appointed at the time of meeting 17 March, and seven for the meeting 23 June. Entitled to receive

[1] The Remuneration Authority guides mileage allowances based on the IRD annual rates which are applied to our 'Sensitive Expenditure for Elected Officials Policy'. For the 2025/26 year, the Remuneration Authority's vehicle-kilometre allowance rates are:
Petrol vehicle: $1.17/km for the first 14,000 km
Diesel vehicle: $1.26/km for the first 14,000 km
Petrol hybrid: $0.86/km for the first 14,000 km
Electric vehicle: $1.08/km for the first 14,000 km

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Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee of $250 and mileage and $2,500 honorarium.

- Deputy Chair (mana whenua) is entitled to receive $13,500 honorarium and daily meeting fee of $470 plus mileage. Appointed from March meeting.

Lower Ruamāhanga Valley Flood Management Advisory Committee (until Oct 2025):

- One meeting. Two mana whenua representatives entitl d to receive Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee of $250 and mileage.

Waiōhine River Plan Advisory Committee (Until Oct 2025):

- One meeting. Two mana whenua reps entitled to receive Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee of $250 and mileage.

Mileage

- There was a total of $448.47 for mileage cla ms made by mana whanua, hapu, iwi in 2025/26.

Staff Time

- Council staff time is not routinely recorded or coded in a way that enables us to identify the exact taff cost attributable to each individual planning, project or management document. Staff working on these things often undertake a range of related functions at the same time, including policy development, technical review, engagement, advice to elected members, implementation planning, monitoring, reporting and administrative support.

➲ ***Costs of co design and co management related to developing and preparing any planning and management documents. The costs should include staff time, stipends to representatives, any koha, travel, accommodation, meeting costs and report costs including translation.***

Costs for iwi involvement in co-design and co-management related to developing and preparing any planning and management documents was $1,013,900 across the Wellington region. This cost represents 0.1% of Greater Wellington's total operating expenditure.

- No koha, travel, meeting and accommodation costs were paid to iwi representatives.

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➲ ***Costs of programmes for cultural health[2] monitoring:***

There were no costs of programmes for cultural health monitoring[3] in 2025/26.

➲ ***Costs associated with whanau/hapu/iwi involvement in resource consents and/or compliance:***

2025/26 Costs for whanau/hapu/iwi involvement in consents - $310,000 and compliance - $60,000 across the Wellington region. This cost represents 0.06 percent of Greater Wellington's total operating expenditure to support Greater Wellington's Resource Management Act (RMA) statutory obligations (Environmental Regulation processing of non-notified resource consent applications)

➲ ***Costs associated with whanau/hapu/iwi involvement in land management arrangements - practical or planning:***

2025/26 Costs for whanau/hapu/iwi involvement in Greater Wellington's land management arrangements was $484,400. This cost represents 0.07 percent of Greater Wellington's total operating expenditure.

➲ **The amount of direct funding for all iwi organisations:**

Greater Wellington provided $3,368,149.75 in FY2025/26 to six mana whenua partners. This funding supported a range of work programmes including partnership and management activities, planning and design, monitoring, resource consent management and compliance, and land and environmental management initiatives. This funding is 0.5 percent of Greater Wellington's total operating expenditure and reflects the total investment in delivering agreed partnership outcomes across the region.

[2] Defining Cultural Health Monitoring as a mana whenua-led approach to assessing the health and wellbeing of natural environments, such as rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries and coastal areas, using mātauranga Māori, cultural indicators and iwi/hapū values. Unless monitoring has these components then it is not cultural health monitoring.

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If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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