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From: LGOIMA
Sent: Thursday, 4 April 2019 3:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LGOIMA - Saturday Market Lease - SR1915074 - Public Excluded Meeting Minutes - 7 March 2019 - Response
Attachments: GOV_20190307_MINUTES_1898.pdf; Public Forum Presentation Nita Knight Governance Committee 07Mar2019.pdf; Public Forum Nita Knight Handout Governance Committee 07Mar2019.pdf; Governance Committee public forum additional information tabled by Nitapdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email of 11 March 2019, requesting information relating to the Governance Committee Meeting held on 7 March 2019.

You requested:

*"I wish to request the Public Excluded minutes from the Governance Committee meeting on the 7th of March.
I am requesting all information relating to the Market Lease discussion and any information relating to this debate and any other information that was tabled with or during this item."*

Please find attached the following (4) documents relating to 7 March 2019 Governance Committee:

Extract of Minutes - Open - Public Forum
Presentation - Nita Knight - Public Forum
Tabled Documents (x2): Handout; Additional Information – Nita Knight – Public Forum

The Public Excluded information requested has been withheld under the following sections of the Local Government official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

- Section 7(2)(i) - to enable the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations; and
- Section 17(d) - that the information requested will soon be publicly available.

This meeting was held in the public excluded part of the agenda, as withholding the subject information on the expiry of the Montgomery Square Licence was necessary to enable Council to carry out negotiations on any new licence without prejudice or disadvantage. Council considered that there was a real risk of prejudice to those negotiations if this information was released into the public domain at that time. That ground for withholding the public excluded information continues to apply, as negotiations for any new licence are not yet complete.

However given the public interest in this matter the information will be made available as soon as those negotiations are completed, which is expected to be early next month. When released, we will email you to advise that you can access these documents on the website:

<http://www.nelson.govt.nz/council/council-structure/council-meetings/decisions-released-from-public-excluded-sessions/>

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Ngā mihi,
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