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Dear s.7(2)
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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR CODE OF CONDUCT COSTS

I refer to your official information request dated 15 July 2021:

Could you please send me a breakdown of the costs to carry out the Code of Conduct process set up recently by the Mayor. I am aware external contractors (2) provided considerable professional input with their services.

Internal services from Council staff (CEO and others) time spent on this process would need to be fiscally accountable as well.

The information we hold in relation to your request is provided below.

An independent investigator was engaged to consider the Code of Conduct complaint received from the mayor relating to Cr Skinner, in line with the process outlined within the Code of Conduct itself. The recommendations from this process were considered by Council at its meeting on 1 July 2021. The charges of the investigator for this matter were \$9,539.93 excluding GST.

Legal advice was provided to elected members on factors to consider when weighing up their ability to participate in the debate on the report with an open mind. The cost for this service was \$3,586.68 excluding GST.

Council does not code staff time to specific Code of Conduct issues so as we do not hold this information, we must decline this portion of your request under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact LGOIMA@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Nícuarta-Smith', written in a cursive style.

Devorah Nícuarta-Smith
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