

## Rebecca Watson

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**From:** official information  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 August 2019 10:45  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** official information  
**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA 19036: Climate Change Action Plan - Funding

Kia ora,

Further to your information request of 13 August 2019 in respect of Climate Change Action Plan - Funding, I am now able to provide Hamilton City Council's response.

**You requested:**

*Climate Change Action Plan - Funding*

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*Item 7.*

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*The staff recommendation: that Council approves unbudgeted funding of \$100,000 in 2019/20 to develop a Climate Change Action Plan (including an assessment of Hamilton's carbon footprint) in partnership with Waikato Tainui and other key stakeholders.*

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*Council accepted that there is a need for Climate change issues to be considered urgently; and in partnership with Waikato Tainui, Waikato Regional Council and our other strategic partners, Council develop a Climate Change Action Plan for Hamilton City (including an assessment of Hamilton's carbon foot print) to be funded from existing budgets; and*

*requests staff report back on progress with a draft plan for agreement at the April 2020 Council meeting.*

*The agenda key stakeholders (unspecified) has morphed into strategic partners in the minutes.*

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*The unconfirmed Minutes state "Council develop a Climate Change Action Plan for Hamilton City (including an assessment of Hamilton's carbon foot print) to be funded from existing budgets..."*

*Which is it?*

*The \$100,000 Climate Change Action Plan draft is to be reported at the April 2020 Council meeting.*

*The 10 Year Plan and the Annual Plan established the budget(s) for their respective periods, so where is the unbudgeted \$100,000 for the Action Plan to come from?*

*If it is be funded from existing budgets = what budgets?*

*Is there some great 'slush fund' hidden away that Council can access for unbudgeted 'Plans' that is not visible to the ratepayer?*

*Please clarify for this confused (and other) ratepayer.*

**Our response:**

The \$12,000 cost was an estimate of the total staff time to produce the report for the 8 August 2019 Council meeting.

The original staff recommendation in that report was for the Council to approve \$100,000 of unbudgeted funds to produce a climate change action plan. This was to include development of Hamilton City's carbon footprint and a plan to reduce it.

When introducing the report at the Council meeting on 8 August 2019, staff advised Elected Members that, since writing the report, Waikato Regional Council had given an indicative cost of \$5-10k to produce a carbon footprint for the city – significantly less than had been anticipated. Staff also advised that, following discussions with other councils that had produced similar action plans, they felt the action plan could be produced largely with existing staff resources. If any external resources were required, costs might be approximately \$10-20k. Given the significant

reduction in estimated costs to produce the climate change action plan, staff advised Elected Members that the action plan could be covered from existing operating budgets in the 2019/20 financial year.

Elected Members subsequently passed a motion to develop the action plan from within existing budgets. The Climate Action Plan will be developed with key stakeholders. Projects identified in the Climate Change Action Plan will be put forward for funding through the Annual Plan and 10 Year Plan processes.

Kind regards,

**Amy Viggers**

*On behalf of the Privacy Officer*

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**Subject:** LGOIMA 19036: Climate Change Action Plan - Funding

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I write to acknowledge your information request of 13 August 2019 in respect of Climate Change Action Plan - Funding

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information or not "as soon as reasonably practicable", no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than 10 September 2019.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 August 2019 8:02 AM  
**To:** official information <[officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** HCC Website - Official Information Request ref: HCC-QF-190813-4RSFY-9CF

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**Attachment:** not attached

**Name:** [REDACTED]

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### Detailed Description of Request

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**Organisation:** not supplied