

Rebecca Watson

From: Amy Viggers
Sent: Friday, 13 September 2019 13:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: RE: LGOIMA 19253 - elected member attendance

Kia ora

Further to your information request of 23 August 2019 in respect of Elected Member attendance, I am now able to provide Hamilton City Council's response.

You requested:

1. Could you please provide me with a break-down on the number of council meetings and extraordinary council meetings held this term and elected members' attendance at these meetings?
2. Could you please provide me with a break-down on the number of finance committee meetings, growth and infrastructure committee meetings, community, services, and environment committee meetings, CEO review committee meetings, audit and risk committee meetings, and regulatory and hearings committee meetings held this term and elected members' attendance at these meetings?

Our response:

Below is a table with the attendance of Elected Members.

Please note the following when reading the below table:

- Elected Member attendance is defined as:
 - a) **Attendance in full** – The Elected Member was in the meeting and **took part in the vote of all substantial items** on the agenda. (excludes item where a conflict of interest has been declared and the administrative items at the beginning of the agenda – Apologies, Confirmation of Agenda, Declaration of Interests).
 - b) **Partial attendance** – The Elected Member was **not part of the vote for 1 or more substantial items** on the agenda. (excludes item where a conflict of interest has been declared and the administrative items at the beginning of the agenda – Apologies, Confirmation of Agenda, Declaration of Interests).
 - c) **Absent** – The Elected Member was not at the meeting at all.
- Some absences/partial attendances can be attributed to Elected Members needing to attend official Council related business meetings or events. These instances/reasons have not been captured in the records.
- It is important to note that Elected Members may occasionally miss a vote due to needing to leave the room for a short period of time i.e. to use the bathroom or to receive an urgent phone call. These instances/reasons have not been captured in the records.
- The Audit and Risk Committee is not a committee of the whole. Elected Members who are not members of the Audit and Risk committee may have attended meetings in an observatory capacity but this is not recorded.
- The quorum of the Regulatory and Hearings committee is 3. There have been meetings at which it was appropriate to have a reduced number of members attend due to the quasi-judicial nature of the matter being discussed/determined.
- Elected Member Briefings are not official council or committee meetings and as such there is no quorum.

		Council <i>57 meetings this Triennium</i>	Finance Committee <i>17 meetings this Triennium</i>	Growth & Infrastructure Committee <i>19 meetings this Triennium</i>	Community & Services Committee <i>18 meetings this Triennium</i>	Audit and Risk Committee <i>12 meetings this Triennium</i>	Regulatory and Hearings Committee <i>23 meetings this Triennium</i>	Elected Member Briefings <i>50 meetings this Triennium</i>
Mayor Andrew King	Attended in full	56	12	8	12	9	3	40
	Partial Attendance	1	2	7	3	2	4	3
	Absent	0	3	4	3	1	16	7
Deputy Mayor Martin Gallagher	Attended in full	45	9	10	14	N/A	7	38
	Partial Attendance	8	6	8	3		2	6
	Absent	4	2	1	1		14	6
Cr Dave Macpherson	Attended in full	43	9	16	9	3	9	31
	Partial Attendance	8	7	3	8	4	5	9
	Absent	6	1	0	1	5	10	10
Cr Gary Mallett	Attended in full	41	16	12	12	7	3	43
	Partial Attendance	14	0	7	6	4	5	5
	Absent	2	1	0	0	1	15	2
Cr Rob Pascoe	Attended in full	42	11	10	11	8	11	38

	Partial Attendance	8	3	4	3	0	2	3
	Absent	7	3	5	4	4	10	9
Cr Angela O'Leary	Attended in full	37	10	7	6	N/A	21	21
	Partial Attendance	17	4	10	10		2	14
	Absent	3	3	2	2		0	15
Cr Leo Tooman	Attended in Full	50	17	17	16	N/A	23	41
	Partial Attendance	7	0	1	2		0	5
	Absent	0	0	1	0		0	4
Cr Paula Southgate	Attended in full	38	9	6	17	8	9	29
	Partial Attendance	17	6	10	1	2	2	13
	Absent	2	2	3	0	2	12	8
Cr Geoff Taylor	Attended in full	50	10	17	11	N/A	4	24
	Partial Attendance	2	6	2	6		4	14
	Absent	5	1	0	1		15	12
Cr Siggie Henry	Attended in full	51	15	16	16	N/A	17	43
	Partial Attendance	4	1	2	1		1	1
	Absent	2	1	1	1		5	6
Cr James Casson	Attended in full	47	15	18	15	N/A	8	29
	Partial Attendance	5	1	1	1		1	8
	Absent	5	1	0	2		14	13
Cr Mark Bunting	Attended in full	45	13	14	13	N/A	8	27
	Partial Attendance	8	3	5	3		6	13
	Absent	4	1	0	2		9	10
*Cr Hamilton was Elected during the February 2018 By-Election, therefore his attendance has been recorded from the date he was sworn in as an Elected Member at the 22 February 2018 Council Meeting.		Council Since elected 35 meetings held	Finance Committee Since elected 10 meetings held	Growth & Infrastructure Committee Since elected 10 meetings held	Community & Services Committee Since elected 11 meetings held	Audit and Risk Meetings	Regulatory and Hearings Committee Since elected 16 meetings held	Elected Member Briefings Since elected 36 meetings held
Cr Ryan Hamilton	Attended in full	31	8	6	11	N/A	5	26
	Partial Attendance	3	2	3	0		3	9
	Absent	1	0	1	0		8	1

If you have specific questions in relation Elected Members attendance please contact the individual member concerned. Contact details can be found [here](#).

If you would like context or background related to this LGOIMA response, or an interview with the subject matter expert, please contact the Governance Lead – Becca Brooke on 07 838 6439.

Kind regards,

Amy Viggers

On behalf of the Privacy Officer

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From: official information

Sent: Monday, 26 August 2019 8:02 AM

Cc: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: LGOIMA 19253 - elected member attendance

Kia ora,

I write to acknowledge your information request of 23 August 2019 in respect of Elected Member attendance.

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 20 September 2019 .

Kind regards

Amy Viggers

On behalf of the Privacy Officer

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 23 August 2019 6:23 PM

To: Nigel Ward <Nigel.Ward@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Official Information Act request - elected member attendance

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Official Information Act request

August 26, 2019

Dear Nigel

This is an Official Information Act request for information on the attendance records of elected members at council meetings and committee meetings. The period I want to cover is from the start of the council term, October 2016, through to August 23, 2019.

1. Could you please provide me with a break-down on the number of council meetings and extraordinary council meetings held this term and elected members' attendance at these meetings?
2. Could you please provide me with a break-down on the number of finance committee meetings, growth and infrastructure committee meetings, community, services, and environment committee meetings, CEO review committee meetings, audit and risk committee meetings, and regulatory and hearings committee meetings held this term and elected members' attendance at these meetings?

Anything else you could add on this topic would be appreciated.

I request this information within 20 working days dated from August 26, 2019.

Could you please acknowledge receipt of this request.

Also, if all or part of the information requested cannot be provided I would like a written reason why.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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