

Reference Number: 2024/1119

31 July 2024

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Thank you for email of 3 July 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to the Dog Control Act 1996. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

Levin's Animal Control Act Section 10A

Councils latest Dog Control Policy and Practices Report is for 2022-2023 and has been loaded on to Councils website. You can find a copy of it here:

<https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/services/animal-control/dog-control-policy-and-practices-annual-report-2022.pdf>

The 2023-2024 Dog Control Policy and Practices Report is yet to be completed. We expect to have this report completed by 31 August 2024.

The next one I'm not sure what's it's called but it will be a break down of numbers that has caused the increase, it will also include monies from the meetings

I am unaware of a report that Council produces that contains this information. The Dog Control Section 10A report has a breakdown of the dog registration fees and the number of dogs in the District but does not include financials.

Following your meeting and telephone conversations with Vai Miller, Customer & Compliance Manager over this past week, I understand you are wanting the Council minutes relating to the decisions of Council which lead to the increase of dog registration fees for 2024/25.

During the Long-Term Plan (LTP) process, the Council held public workshops to discuss and debate important decisions related to the LTP. These workshops provided a platform for elected members to discuss the activities, services, capital programme and finances of Council, which included discussion about the Dog Control activity and who should pay.

Minutes are not taken for Council workshops, but as they were held in public they were livestreamed, and recordings of these are available on the Council's YouTube channel.

You will find the recordings relating to the discussions about the Revenue and Finance Policy components for the Dog Control service (public pays/rates vs private pays/dog owner) in the livestream recordings of the Council Workshops held on 29 November & 6 December 2023;

29 November: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY7dPL-IPks> (at approx. 2hr 25min)

6 December: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=2ZKAQRqgF8> (at approx. 1hr 21min)

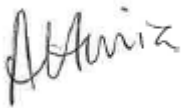
The adoption of the Revenue and Finance Policy was adopted at the 26 June 2024 meeting of Council, resolution number CO/2024/220. You will find a copy of the agenda item and the minutes to this decision on the Council website; <https://horowhenua.infocouncil.biz/>

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey (Group Manager Community Experience and Services) on brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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