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9 December 2022

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Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act)

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2022 requesting the following information:

In respect of the Incite organisation (Incite) which was formed in 1997 and who promote themselves as "specialists resource management consultants" amongst other services, on their website.

- 1. For the financial year ended 30 June 2022 what was the total expenditure (if any) by KCDC on services provided/work undertaken by Incite for KCDC?***

The total spent with Incite Wellington 2012 Ltd to 30 June 2022 was \$273,117.77.

- 2. If KCDC made purchases from Incite during the financial year ended 30 June 2022 what was the nature of the purchases/work undertaken?***

Incite provides resource consent consultancy services to the Council to meet the additional demand to process resource consent applications.

- 3. For the financial year ending 30 June 2023 what is the forecast of expenditure (if any) by KCDC on services/work that will be provided by Incite to KCDC?***

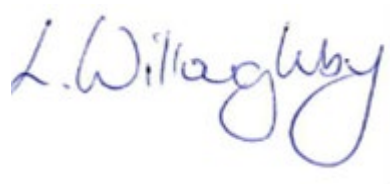
The total spent to date in this financial year is \$130,910.25.

- 4. Please advise why KCDC needed to contract Incite to undertake work/provide services for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 as opposed to KCDC staff carrying out the work?***

Due to the substantial increase in resource consent applications received last financial year and a tight labour market, the Council was required to engage external consultants to support the resource consent team. The use of external consultants from time to time is normal practice for the Council to cover staff vacancies and process the overflow of applications.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "L. Willoughby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "y" at the end.

Laura Willoughby
Acting Group Manager Regulatory Services
Te Kaihautū Ratonga Whakaritenga