

**From:** [Official Information](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Official Information](#)  
**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 467364 - [REDACTED] - Cr Casey-Cox PD  
**Date:** Monday, 24 March 2025 8:04:26 am  
**Attachments:** [LGOMA - Cr Anna.pdf](#)  
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[image003.jpg](#)

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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your Question:**

*Can you please supply me with some information about the funds spent.*

**Our Response:**

A personal development budget is confirmed by Council as part of the Elected member Support Policy for each Elected member to allow them to attend trainings, courses and conferences with travel and accommodation included where required. Here is a link to the current Elected Member Support Policy: <https://storage.googleapis.com/hccproduction-web-assets/public/Uploads/Documents/Policies/Elected-Member-Support-Policy-March-2024.pdf>. For the current financial year (2024-25) each Elected Members has professional development budget of \$3000.00.

**Your Question:**

*Could you please supply itemised receipts/invoices for all the monies that she has claimed as part of PD.*

**Our Response:**

Cr Anna Casey-Cox has spent \$2951.49 of this financial years personal development budget. This spend was associated to her completing the Making Good Decisions Programme – certification for RMA decision makers. The spend was broken into three sections outlined below and attached:

- \$2760.00 registration costs;
- \$177.65 accommodation;
- \$13.84 booking system fees.

**Your Question:**

*Could you please also advise how the City Council ensures that the PD courses that Cr Anna has taken are to benefit the city of Hamilton?*

**Our Response:**

Please refer to the training, conferences and Transportation Costs section of the Elected Member Support Policy which outlines the process. The particular purpose of the training that Cr Anna Casey-Cox undertook this financial year is "The Making Good Decisions Programme helps councillors, community board members, and independent commissioners make better decisions under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)." Current Elected Members Cr Ewan Wilson, Cr Moko Tauariki, and Deputy Mayor Angela O'leary have undertaken this training themselves.

**Your Question:**

*Is there a person in-charge who looks into this and then measures CR Anna's performance after the PD courses have been completed?*

**Our Response:**

Please refer to the training, conferences and Transportation Costs section of the Elected Member Support Policy which outlines the process that was followed.

**Your Question:**

*Ans is there any evidence of city actually benefitting after Cr Anna has come back to her role after undertaking the PD course?*

**Our Response:**

Measuring an Elected Members ability is subjective and as such this question is unable to answered. For more about the training that Cr Anna Casey-Cox undertook via this link - <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/rma/about-the-making-good-decisions-programme-certification-for-rma-decision-makers/>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

**Ngaa mihi****Keeley Faulkner**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 6:42 PM

**To:** [INFO@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:INFO@hcc.govt.nz)

**Subject:** Re: Information on Personal Development courses

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Good day,

I am following up on my email below. Could you please supply me with the requested information. Thanks.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:10 PM

**To:** [info@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hcc.govt.nz) <[info@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hcc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Information on Personal Development courses

Good day.

I recently came across an article about Hamilton City Councilors spending ratepayer money on personal development courses. The link to the article is [here](#).

Can you please supply me with some information about the funds spent. I am in particular wanting information on money spent by Cr Anna Casey-Cox. She spent money on courses & accommodations. Could you please supply itemised receipts/invoices for all the monies that she has claimed as part of PD.

Could you please also advise how the City Council ensures that the PD courses that Cr Anna has taken are to benefit the city of Hamilton? Is there a person in-charge who looks into this and then measures CR Anna's performance after the PD courses have been completed? Ans is there any evidence of city actually benefitting after Cr Anna has come back to her role after undertaking the PD course?

WSP Training – July 2024



Hamilton City Council  
ATTN: Anna Casey-Cox  
260 Anglesea Street  
CBD  
Hamilton  
Waikato  
3204  
New Zealand

Invoice Date  
11 Jun 2024

Invoice Number  
E1008357

Reference  
86976

GST Number  
56-380-906

WSP New Zealand Limited -  
Environmental Training Centre  
PO Box 30 845  
Lower Hutt 5040  
Wellington  
New Zealand  
Phone: 0800 678 738  
Email: op.etc@wsp.com

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount NZD
MGD Foundation Course 2024 (3-TFMGD.24-00025), 30-Jul-2024 9:00 AM, Anna Casey-Cox (anna.casey-cox@council.hcc.govt.nz)	1.00	2,400.00	GST (15%)	2,400.00
Subtotal				2,400.00
Total GST				360.00
Invoice Total NZD				2,760.00
Total Net Payments NZD				0.00
Amount Due NZD				2,760.00

Payment due 11-Jul-2024

Payment Instructions

Pay by Bank Transfer  
Amount (NZD): \$2,760.00  
Pay: WSP New Zealand Limited  
Reference: E1008357  
Bank account number: 01-1839-0329121-01

PAYMENT ADVICE

To: WSP New Zealand Limited -  
Environmental Training Centre  
PO Box 30 845  
Lower Hutt 5040  
Wellington  
New Zealand  
Phone: 0800 678 738  
Email: op.etc@wsp.com

Customer	Hamilton City Council
Invoice Number	E1008357
Amount Due	2,760.00
Due Date	Payment due 11-Jul-2024

Invoice (ID: 191457) Paid

TOTAL: \$2,760.00 incl  
\$360.00 GST

Supplier: 10568.01  
**WSP New Zealand Limited**  
160 Ward Street  
Hamilton Central  
Hamilton 3204  
IRD: 056380906  
[More Information](#)

Invoice Status: Approved  
Requisition: [305895](#)  
Invoice Number: E1008357  
Invoice Date: 11/06/2024  
Due Date: 20/07/2024  
Requisitioner:   
Alt Requisitioner: -  
Description: Cr Anna - Commissioner training for July 2024

Line	Order	Order Line	Receipt	Description	Account	Qty	Order Unit	
1	<a href="#">85976</a>	1	190762	Cr Anna - Commissioner training for July 2024	W00004757.0020.0341	1.00	EACH	

[More Information](#)

Sub Total: \$2,400.00  
GST: \$360.00  
Total: \$2,760.00  
Paid: \$2,760.00

Payment Details



Payment Type:	EFT	Invoice Value:	\$2,760.00
Payment Reference:	473.10568-01	GST Total:	\$360.00
Payment Date:	16/07/2024	Withheld Value:	\$0.00
Payment Site:	Opus Intl Consultants Ltd	Outstanding Balance:	\$0.00
BSB Number:	01-1839		
Account Number:	003291210001		



Itinerary especially prepared for  
Ms Anna Cox

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Tuesday 30 July 2024

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Travelodge Hotel Auckland Wynyard Quarter</b>	Phone:	64-9-2004511
	110 Pakenham Street West	Status:	Confirmed
	Auckland	Acc Type:	Accommodation
	1010	Conf No:	9047172062751:24
Check In:	Tuesday 30 July 2024	Rate:	\$177.65 (NZD)
Check Out:	Wednesday 31 July 2024		
Rooms:	1		
Note:	Full chargeback excluding minibar, alcohol, room service and movies to Orbit World Travel Hamilton		