## FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



15 September 2025

Tēnā koe

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA, and to provide the information requested.

In your request, you asked for information about the current local election, specifically:

- Copies of the nomination documents for each and every candidate
- Who is tasked with counting the votes?

The Electoral Officer contracted to the Whakatāne District Council for the 2025 Local Election is Dale Ofsoske from Independent Election Services Ltd. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Dale, as the electoral officer, is responsible for the processing and counting of votes.

I have attached the 46 nomination forms for your information.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that this response may be published on our website. All personal information will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā

Steven Perdia
CHIEF EXECUTIVE