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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 use of AI in the organisation, specifically:

- ***Does your council currently have a policy governing the use of generative AI by staff?***

Yes, the Whakatāne District Council has a Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy.

- ***If so, can I please have a copy of the policy?***

The current policy is attached for your information. Please note that it is due for review.

- ***If not, are you in the process of developing such a policy?***

N/A

In your request you also asked for any examples of innovative uses of generative AI by the council to support the work we do. Most of our current use is for efficiency gains, such as assisting with drafting commentary for reports, assisting in prioritising emails, or summarising large documents.

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



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