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Hi

Under the LGOIMA, I would like to request the following information about the costs that your council incurred due to the Government's Head Start local government initiative:

1. What was the total cost to the council for of all activities and work undertaken to develop and finalise its response to the Government's Head Start local government initiative? For clarification purposes, this request is for the total cost or the best estimate of the total cost to the council of the Head Start initiative. Points 2-5 below are for components of this total.
2. What consultants and contractors were engaged to advise or provided information or analysis for the council's response to Head Start and what was the cost of each provider's services? What were the titles of any reports provided by these consultants or contractors?
3. What was the total cost to the council for informing or consulting with local communities and how much was spent on surveys, advertising, informational publications (flyers, pamphlets, etc.), public meetings, websites and other such activities.
4. What was the total cost of any extraordinary or special council meetings or workshops held regarding Head Start or the council's response to it?
5. What other costs were incurred by the council under this initiative and what was the value of those costs?

I am interested in costs from 5 May 2026 until the date that your response was provided to the Government.

Thank you.

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