

10 November 2022

Santina Lee
Via FYI website

Kia ora Santina,

Strike 4 Climate Protest

Thank you for your requests made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 30 September 2022. You requested the below information:

1. How much did Wellington City Council spend on the last two School Strike 4 Climate protests in Wellington?
2. The dates are 9 April 2021 and 27 September 2019 Did Wellington City Council cover costs for the School Strike 4 Climate protest in Wellington on 24 May 2019?
3. Did Wellington City Council cover costs for the School Strike 4 Climate protest in Wellington on 15 March 2019 Did Wellington City Council ask organizers to cover costs for the 24 May 2019 and the 15 March 2019 School Strike 4 Climate?
4. Do you need councils permission to protest in Wellington?
5. I want all communications, reports, notes, agendas, meeting attendance lists, minutes, advice and decision documents relating to the September 23 2022 School Strike 4 Climate Wellington, political protest march from Civic Square to Parliament. This should include any information made, sent, received, or commissioned by council staff and/or councillors.

Wellington City Council (WCC) has **granted** your request for information. Due to the similar nature of the requests, I have combined this into one response.

1. How much did Wellington City Council spend on the last two School Strike 4 Climate protests in Wellington?

Please see below regarding the last two SS4C protests. If your request was for different dates, please advise.

23 September 2022

No cost to Council. In this instance, School Strike 4 Climate were aware that WCC requests a TMP for the safety of their participants and other road users. It would appear SS4C made the decision to engage a company to complete the TMP and to provide Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) for the event.

09 April 2021

Organisers engaged Fulton Hogan to provide TTM services. These costs were covered by WCC at a total of \$5,466.33

- 2. Did Wellington City Council cover costs for the School Strike 4 Climate protest in Wellington on 24 May 2019? Did Wellington City Council cover costs for the School Strike 4 Climate protest in Wellington on 15 March 2019? Did Wellington City Council ask organizers to cover costs for the 24 May 2019 and the 15 March 2019 School Strike 4 Climate?**

15 March 2019

We have not been able to locate any invoice information regarding this march and are therefore unable to advise if the TTM was covered by WCC.

24 May 2019

The protest was run with a TTM provided by WCC. This was approved after a risk analysis showed a public safety concern that was not being adequately addressed by organisers.

27 September 2019

We have not been able to locate any invoice information regarding this march and are therefore unable to advise if the TTM was covered by WCC.

09 April 2021

Organisers engaged Fulton Hogan to provide TTM services. These costs were covered by WCC at a total of \$5,466.33 as the group had their sponsorship pull out close to the event.

23 September 2022

Organisers made the decision to not hold a protest march and instead gather at Parliament grounds. As in the attached email, organisers were advised in July that WCC would not be paying for the TTM. WCC is not aware of what costs were discussed between the School Strike 4 Climate and the TTM company as this was a private contract between them. WCC had no part to play in selection of the company, services requested, or fees charged.

- 3. Do you need councils' permission to protest in Wellington?**

You do not need permission from Council to protest. We request a protest to submit a TMP if they will be on the road, however it is not a requirement.

- 4. I want all communications, reports, notes, agendas, meeting attendance lists, minutes, advice and decision documents relating to the September 23 2022 School Strike 4 Climate Wellington, political protest march from Civic Square to Parliament. This should include any information made, sent, received, or commissioned by council staff and/or councillors.**

Below are the documents that fall in scope of your request and my decision to release the document. Given School Strike 4 Climate are school students, I have withheld the name of the organiser in the below correspondence.

Item	Document name/description	Decision
1.	Emails between Chief Infrastructure Officer to Strike 4 Climate Wellington regarding funding of TMP (30 July)	Redactions made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act
2.	Email chain from September 2022	Redactions made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act
3.	Email discussion regarding social media query	Redactions made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council’s response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council’s decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Claudia Holgate
Senior Advisor, Official Information

From: [Wellington SS4C](#)
To: [Siobhan Procter](#)
Subject: Re: Closing streets ahead of climate strike
Date: Saturday, 30 July 2022 12:25:19 am

Kia ora Siobhan

Thank you for your reply. We completely understand if you are unable to assist us with funding, but if you would be able to provide the contact details for traffic management that would be great.

I would be happy to discuss further about the march and ensuring it's safety.

Kind regards,

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On Fri, 29 Jul 2022 at 7:18 PM, Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora ■

We are happy to provide you with the contact details of Traffic Management providers as we did last year and also talk you through the process of what needs to be done to ensure the march is safe and successful. We aren't in a position to assist with any funding – as you can appreciate, we have many of these marches every year and our budgets are allocated on the basis of work that is required to be done on our roads.

Feel free to contact Sean (cc-ed in here) who looks after this area.

Kindest regards

Siobhan

From: Wellington SS4C <wellingtonschoolstrike4climate@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 12:19 AM
To: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Closing streets ahead of climate strike

Kia ora Siobhan,

I'm [REDACTED], writing on behalf of School Strike 4 Climate Wellington.

We are looking to hold an intergenerational climate strike on September 16th. The march will follow the typical route - between Te Ngākau Civic Square and Parliament Grounds through Willis Street and Lambton Quay.

Due to the nature of the strike, we are in need of some type of traffic management. In past strikes, this has been something that we were very grateful to have council's support in. Would this be something the council is interested in helping with again?

Please let me know you would like to meet to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

School Strike 4 Climate Wellington

[REDACTED]

From: [Sean Woodcock](#)
To: [Alison Howard](#); [Siobhan Procter](#); [Liam Hodgetts](#)
Cc: [Brad Singh](#); [Moana Mackey](#)
Subject: RE: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration
Date: Monday, 12 September 2022 4:35:39 pm

Final update (for now),

Organisers have cancelled plans to march through the streets & instead will be gathering at Parliament grounds between 11.30 & 12pm.

Sean.

From: Sean Woodcock
Sent: 12 September 2022 15:35
To: Alison Howard <Alison.Howard@wcc.govt.nz>; Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Liam Hodgetts <Liam.Hodgetts@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>; Moana Mackey <Moana.Mackey@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

Just an update: The organisers are developing two plans based on numbers attending, if numbers are low they will remain on the footpath & if high they will use the road with police support. They will not know numbers till the day.

We will prepare responses for both scenarios.

Many thanks,

Sean

From: Sean Woodcock
Sent: 12 September 2022 12:28
To: Alison Howard <Alison.Howard@wcc.govt.nz>; Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Liam Hodgetts <Liam.Hodgetts@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>; Moana Mackey <Moana.Mackey@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

Kia ora all,

I have spoken to [REDACTED] & essentially this comes down to 3 options for the organisers if they are unable to find sponsorship for next week's event;

1. They go ahead without formal TTM (workable with some police support- though risky for the organisers).
2. They remain on the footpath only & don't take TTM
 - a. May not be workable due to unknown numbers attending & potential spill onto road anyhow.
3. They postpone the event till they can raise the funds that contractor is requesting for TTM.

I have emphasised to [REDACTED] that the organisers will have to decide & let WCC know how they intend to proceed. I have also asked our Street Activities Coordinator to reach out to talk through how each of the options may work.

I do know that they have cancelled the contract with FH (confirmed by [REDACTED]), though I am not sure if they have been supplied with the TMP.

It would be helpful if there was some clarity that WCC is not charging a \$5k fee to protest, this is a private arrangement with a TTM provider. We have had a few messages that we have had to respond to, none in support of Council.

Cheers, Sean

From: Alison Howard <Alison.Howard@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: 12 September 2022 11:52

To: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Liam Hodgetts <Liam.Hodgetts@wcc.govt.nz>

Cc: Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>; Moana Mackey <Moana.Mackey@wcc.govt.nz>; Sean Woodcock <Sean.Woodcock@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

I am of the view we should not pay for traffic management services for this protest. We request a protest to submit a traffic management plan, it's not a requirement, no one stops protests that don't submit one. We paid for the first school strike protest plan and services as we wanted them to be safe and they didn't realise they needed a plan. They do know now, this isn't a surprise. Many protests do their own traffic management on the day with volunteers

Sean is talking to their organiser [REDACTED] today with clarification and advice. I've gone back to Cr Paul and some of the protest organisers with a "no"

If we fund this protest, should we fund others??

Alison Howard

Manager Climate Change Response | Planning & Environment Group | Wellington City Council
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We work flexibly at Wellington City Council. I am sending this message now because this time suits me. I encourage you to read, respond or action this at a time that best works for you.

My pronouns are she/her, to learn more go to www.mypronouns.org

From: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 12 September 2022 7:50 am

To: Liam Hodgetts <Liam.Hodgetts@wcc.govt.nz>

Cc: Alison Howard <Alison.Howard@wcc.govt.nz>; Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>; Moana Mackey <Moana.Mackey@wcc.govt.nz>; Sean Woodcock <Sean.Woodcock@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

Hi Liam

This one is your call.

The transport team doesn't have discretionary budget to fund traffic management for protests and if Transport funds its then it raises equity issues for other protest groups.

If it is to be supported, suggest it needs to come out of the Climate action budget and if it is, then suggest there is allowance made for it every year to avoid us repeating this each year and we advise the SS4C accordingly.

Regards

Siobhan

From: Mayor Andy Foster <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 6:47 AM
To: Councillor Iona Pannett <iona.Pannett@wcc.govt.nz>; Councillor Diane Calvert <Diane.Calvert@wcc.govt.nz>; Councillor Tamatha Paul <Tamatha.Paul@wcc.govt.nz>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Liam Hodgetts <Liam.Hodgetts@wcc.govt.nz>; Michael Algar <Michael.Algar@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

I agree – sounds like we are talking a very small amount with the other contributions already made?

From: Councillor Iona Pannett <iona.Pannett@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Sunday, 11 September 2022 6:05 am
To: Councillor Diane Calvert <Diane.Calvert@wcc.govt.nz>; Councillor Tamatha Paul <Tamatha.Paul@wcc.govt.nz>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Liam Hodgetts <Liam.Hodgetts@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

Thanks I would support this and for other groups with an important purpose with few resources.

Many thanks

Iona

From: Councillor Diane Calvert <Diane.Calvert@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: 10 September 2022 11:25
To: Councillor Tamatha Paul <Tamatha.Paul@wcc.govt.nz>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>

Cc: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Liam Hodgetts <Liam.Hodgetts@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

Hi

Just a thought. Given that Council has a sizeable budget in this space, could we repurpose some of it to assist?

Diane

Councillor Diane Calvert

M [REDACTED]

From: Councillor Tamatha Paul <Tamatha.Paul@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2022 10:59:23 AM

To: [REDACTED] DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>

Cc: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Liam Hodgetts <Liam.Hodgetts@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

Kia ora [REDACTED],

Yes, it is regrettable that Council won't pay the contractor fees for Traffic Management.

Councillors, I have spoken to various different business units about Council paying for the Traffic Management Plan as we have in the past and the answer has been no.

I have reached out to VUWSA, Grant Robertson and James Shaw. Some are making private donations but they don't have discretionary funds either.

I have said to the organisers I would be happy to contribute personally and I understand that about half of the costs have been covered by unions and other groups so they are almost there.

If anyone has any further ideas please sing out!

I am proud to support SS4C and will continue to do so.

Ngā mihi,
Tamatha

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2022 10:39:05 AM

To: DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Charging School Strike for Climate for a demonstration

Dear councillors

I understand that the City Council stands proudly in support of action on climate to mitigate harm. This is why you adopted a Climate Emergency declaration.

How does this fit with the WCC charging School Strike 4 Climate (one of the poorest groups in the country) \$5,000 to hold a demonstration on Sept 23rd?

I would be pleased to hear that this has been considered at Council and the fee waived

Yours



Berhampore

From: [Sean Woodcock](#)
To: [Brad Singh](#); [Siobhan Procter](#)
Subject: RE: Strike 4 climate - TMP
Date: Thursday, 8 September 2022 1:26:35 pm
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Yeah she got involved last year which is when they *discovered* that the sponsorship had been pulled.....

From: Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: 08 September 2022 13:07
To: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Sean Woodcock <Sean.Woodcock@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Strike 4 climate - TMP

Just spoke to Tam and they are going to email us saying that they are choosing to not engage TMP for the strike...

Brad Singh

Manager Transport & Infrastructure

M [REDACTED]

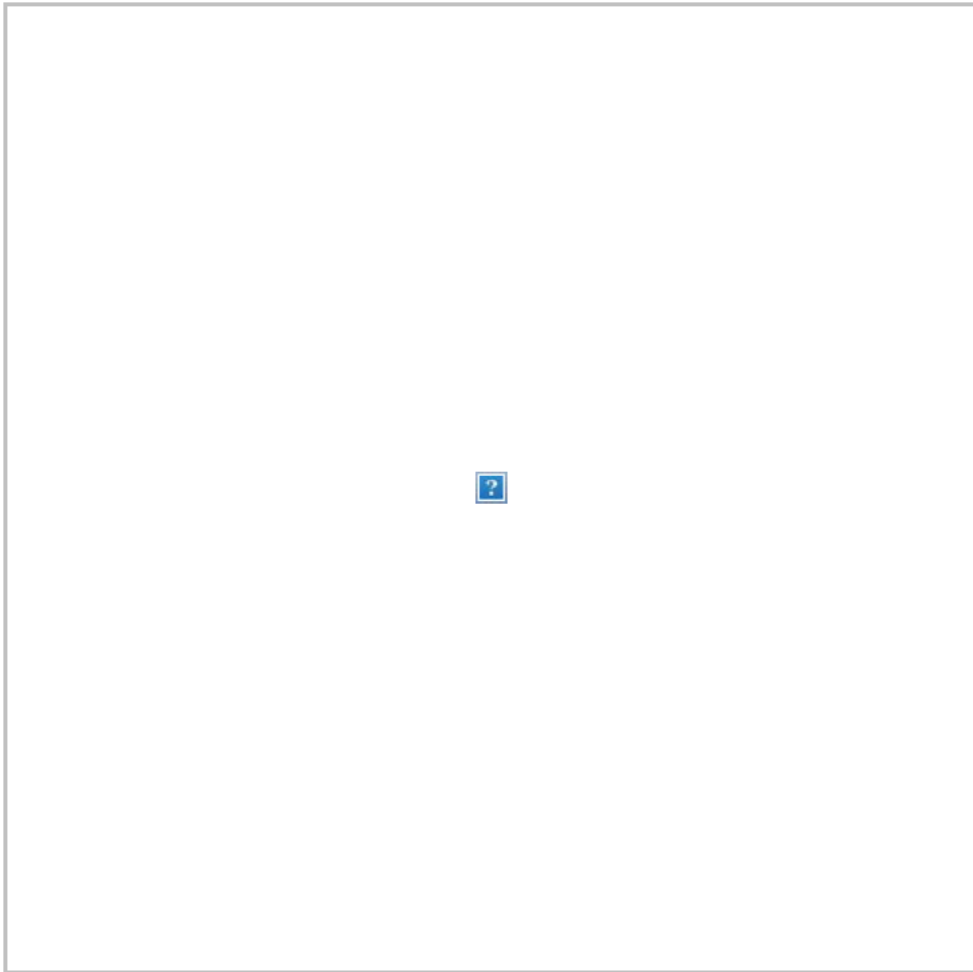
From: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 8 September 2022 12:33 pm
To: Simone Borgstede <Simone.Borgstede@wcc.govt.nz>; Sean Woodcock <Sean.Woodcock@wcc.govt.nz>; Victoria Barton-Chapple <Victoria.Barton-Chapple@wcc.govt.nz>; Richard MacLean <Richard.MacLean@wcc.govt.nz>; Jacqui Austin <Jacqui.Austin@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Strike 4 climate - TMP

Note we advised them at the end of July and they accepted our position - see enclosed

From: Simone Borgstede <Simone.Borgstede@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 12:24 PM
To: Sean Woodcock <Sean.Woodcock@wcc.govt.nz>; Victoria Barton-Chapple <Victoria.Barton-Chapple@wcc.govt.nz>; Richard MacLean <Richard.MacLean@wcc.govt.nz>; Jacqui Austin <Jacqui.Austin@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Strike 4 climate - TMP

Kia ora koutou,

They have responded:



Could I respond with:

Kia ora kōrua. It is standard practice for all protests to request a TMP - we would never discriminate based on age.

We simply do not have the budget to be able to provide these temporary traffic management (TTM) services

TTM is a competitive industry so you may be able to find competing quotes or sponsorship like last time?

Ngā mihi nui, nā ^Simone

Thoughts?

Simone Borgstede

Kaitohutohu Pāhopori | Senior Social Media Advisor | Communications & Engagement | Wellington City Council

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From: Simone Borgstede

Sent: 08 September 2022 11:35

To: Sean Woodcock <Sean.Woodcock@wcc.govt.nz>; Victoria Barton-Chapple <Victoria.Barton-Chapple@wcc.govt.nz>; Richard MacLean <Richard.MacLean@wcc.govt.nz>; Jacqui Austin <Jacqui.Austin@wcc.govt.nz>

Cc: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Strike 4 climate - TMP

Thank you Sean



Ngā mihi,

Simone Borgstede

Kaitohutohu Pāhopori | Senior Social Media Advisor | Communications & Engagement | Wellington City Council

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From: Sean Woodcock <Sean.Woodcock@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: 08 September 2022 11:29

To: Simone Borgstede <Simone.Borgstede@wcc.govt.nz>; Victoria Barton-Chapple <Victoria.Barton-Chapple@wcc.govt.nz>; Richard MacLean <Richard.MacLean@wcc.govt.nz>; Jacqui Austin <Jacqui.Austin@wcc.govt.nz>

Cc: Siobhan Procter <Siobhan.Procter@wcc.govt.nz>; Brad Singh <Bradley.Singh@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Strike 4 climate - TMP

Kia ora all,

To clarify a couple of points;

- WCC is not asking for any funds to supply traffic management, we do not provide temporary traffic management (TTM) services.
- We do agree that a right to protest exists & in no way inhibit the right to protest.
- We do have a responsibility to ensure that these activities are undertaken in a manner that ensures safety for all.
- We have requested a traffic management plan (TMP) be provided.
 - This is a standard response for all protest activities
- The quote is likely to have come from a TTM provider, not too sure who or for what services.
- This is a competitive industry & they may be able to find competing quotes / sponsorship
- Last protest the SS4CC group arranged sponsorship to pay for TTM, this sponsorship was withdrawn at the 11th hour & costs were covered by Council (I believe the Te Atakura team).
- T&I does not have a budget to spend on this activity & we have advised the organisers of this, both last year & this.

Cheers, Sean

From: Simone Borgstede <Simone.Borgstede@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: 08 September 2022 09:53

To: Victoria Barton-Chapple <Victoria.Barton-Chapple@wcc.govt.nz>; Richard MacLean <Richard.MacLean@wcc.govt.nz>; Jacqui Austin <Jacqui.Austin@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Strike 4 climate - TMP

Kia ora Jacqui,

Just an FYI, we have been tagged in this tweet about charging for a protest TMP:



For large protests, we are required to charge for TMP for public safety – is that right?

Ngā mihi nui,

Simone Borgstede

Kaitohutohu Pāhopori | Senior Social Media Advisor | Communications & Engagement | Wellington City Council

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