

## **LGOIMA Response – CEO House Upgrade and Flights**

Date Received: 15 January 2025

Date Closed: 13 February 2025

### **Request:**

1. If council funds have been spent doing up a home for Paul Eagle for his role as CEO of Chatham Islands Council? If so, how much?
2. Is rent paid on the property by Mr Eagle and is this property owned by council?
3. Was this project funded by better off funding? If so, was there a split between government and council funds for the project and what was it?
4. Was the project managed by Mr Eagle directly if not who?
5. Is the council paying for his family's flights to and from the Chatham's and in NZ? If so, what is the total cost of this benefit to date?

### **Council Response**

1. The Council owns a house which is occupied by the CEO. Better Off Funding was utilised to pay for the refurbishment.
2. Rent is paid on this property by Mr Eagle which is owned by Chatham Islands Council.
3. The project was funded by Better Off Funding
4. Paul Eagle took over the responsibility of the refurbishment from the previous Chief Executive, Owen Pickles, from 30 October 2023. The day-to-day management of the project was performed by the Building Company.
5. Part of Mr Eagle's Employment Agreement allows for travel costs to and from the island only.