

Cemeteries Handbook | Consultation Costs

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Request

Could you please let me know how much the recent consultation on the changes to the CCC cemeteries handbook has cost? Please provide a breakdown of all costs - staff time, meetings, promotional collateral, design, all internal/external comms, advertising, reports/memos and any other related expense.

Council Response

The team within Christchurch City Council that delivers consultation on behalf of the organisation is an internal service which is shared across all Council services. They do not charge or record their time to individual projects.

We are therefore unable to accurately report on full consultation costs. While public consultation is advertised for a set period, work with internal and external stakeholders can start and finish at any time and is not definitively recorded or measurable. Therefore, it is not possible to provide a complete breakdown for the entire cost of this consultation.

However, given the small-scale nature of this project, we can share that approximately \$1,355.75 was the cost specifically for the staff member responsible for the consultation and communication tactics only.

Estimated staff time includes all public, staff and elected member meetings and communications that discuss consultation, as well as time spent planning, running and reporting on consultation activities.