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14 November 2025

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**Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)**

Thank you for your email dated **19 October 2025** requesting the following information:

- 1. I have been informed of a pending international trip for a KCDC employee or more. Can you please provide all correspondence email, meeting, notes, or conversation related in responding to the request?***

Some of the information requested is withheld under section 7(2)(f)(i) of the LGOIMA: the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty.

Some of information requested is withheld under section 7(2)(g) of the LGOIMA in order to maintain legal professional privilege.

In both instances, I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

- 2. Please provide details of the proposed trip which should include but not limited to***

- Proposed travel Dates***
- Staff member or members***
- Meetings, conferences expected to attend***
- The bonding process and term to KCDC upon return***
- The expected costs with breakdown***
  - Air Fares***
  - Accommodation***
  - Course/conference fees***

*Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.*

- **Dates of the proposed Course/conference**
- **Have the previous and/or new council members, executive team been advised if so who**

The information requested is withheld under the following grounds:

- section 7(2)(f)(i) of the LGOIMA: the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty
- section 7(2)(h) of the LGOIMA: withholding this information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities
- section 7(2)(i) of the LGOIMA: withholding this information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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