

OIR: 2526/365

1 May 2026

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email of **10 April 2026** requesting the following information:

Questions arising from response 2425-1022

- a) ***Please confirm that full payment of Air Chathams unsecured Loan from the Kapiti Rate Payers will be fully paid in May 2026***

As previously advised on 15 December 2025, the Council has agreed to a repayment date of end May 2026 for repayment of the \$500,000 loan.

- b) ***Please confirm KCDC will employ all available avenues to ensure this loan is paid on time and in full \$700,000 and how they intend to perform this task***

The loan in question is \$500,000. Please refer to response a) above.

- c) ***Should full payment of the unsecured Loan have not been received by 31 May 2026, please confirm when & what actions KCDC will enact to recover all of the ratepayers money***

Please refer to the response to a) above. Our expectation is the loan will be paid on the expected date.

- d) ***Please confirm that KCDC fully understands that Rates are not raised to fund private entities***

The Council has legislative obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 and a range of other statutes, which govern its decision-making obligations related to the setting of rates and which activities are funded. The issuance of

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this loan was in response to a global pandemic and the impact of this on our community's air passage route to Auckland.

- e) ***Please advise what policy will be enacted by KCDC to ensure use of Ratepayers money will never ever again be used to fund businesses.***

Please see response to d) above.

- f) ***Please confirm the recovered \$700,000 will be used to pay off debt and not incorporated into general funding or elsewhere***

Please refer to the response to a) and d) above. Additional details are withheld under sections 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(i) of the Act on the basis that providing the information will prejudice the Council's ability to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations, as well as being likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is subject to the information. In the Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

- g) ***Please advise what policy will be enacted by KCDC to ensure use of Ratepayers money for grants are never ever again be used to support private entities***

Please refer to responses d) above.

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

Ngā mihi,



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Te Kaihautū Ratonga Tōpū