

27 August 2020

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NZ Taxpayers' Union
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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7257406

I refer to your email received on 31 July 2020 requesting information with regards to the Kāpiti Coast District Council's expenditure on engagement and consultation with the three mana whenua iwi of the Kāpiti Coast – Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai and Ngā Hapu o Ōtaki.

We have decided to grant your request. However, given the amount of resource required to process your request, we have decided to charge for making some of the requested information available.

Council staff can provide the following information free of charge, in response to your first two questions:

- 1. How much has the Council paid for iwi engagement/consultation (or a similar concept) for each of the last two years?**
- 2. What is the exact breakdown of that expenditure (if any)?**

The Kāpiti Coast District Council (the Council) has a long-standing formal partnership known as Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti, with two of the mana whenua on the Kāpiti Coast, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Ngā Hapu o Ōtaki. This partnership guides the Council relationship with Iwi.

The Council, with support from Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti, is working to establish a strong one-on-one partnership with Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai following their recent withdrawal from Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti also supports Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust continuing to share in the benefits of activities and funding within the Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti Work Plan.

The Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti Work Plan has an annual budget to support Council consultation and engagement with iwi, and to support the delivery of the annual Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti Work Programme.

Table One below provides details of the Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 2018/19 and 2019/20 Work Plan budgets, where the expenditure related specifically to supporting Council consultation and engagement with iwi.

Table One:

Expenditure Area	2018/2019	2019/2020
Iwi Capacity Contracts	\$16,977	\$75,200
District Plan Consultation	\$39,775	\$1,524
Iwi - Consent Process	\$20,320	\$800
Iwi - Consultation Contractors	\$12,533	Nil
TOTAL	\$89,605	\$77,524

3. For every capital project, was there a budget item for iwi engagement/consultation (or a similar concept)?

4. If so, by specific project, how much was budgeted and what percentage of the total project cost was it?

In order to provide the information requested in the above noted questions, it would require Council staff to undertake further research, estimated to be approximately 13 additional hours of work, as it is not information we generally report on, and so requires further collation including:

- Identifying capital projects undertaken by Council in the past two years requiring iwi consultation or engagement, which might sit outside of the Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti budget.
- Searching for information on budgets for iwi consultation or engagement relating to those capital projects and calculating any such budget as a percentage of total costs.

We estimate that the maximum charge will be \$988. As we have already provided over the initial allowed 2 hours free time, we consider that this sufficiently recognises the public interest in this matter, however we will add a further 10% discount in further recognition of public interest. Any unused component of the maximum charge will not be invoiced to you. For details of how this charge has been calculated refer to the following link on LGOIMA charges:

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/services/a-z-council-services-and-facilities/fees-and-charges/official-information-request-charges/>

Before we proceed any further with your request, please confirm your agreement to the charge or otherwise. We will send you the information within 15 working days of your agreement to proceed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Diane Natrass via informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz. Diane will be able to assist you should you wish to change or refine your request in order to reduce or remove the need to charge. In the meantime, I hope the information we have provided is useful to you.

Nāku iti nei,



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17 September 2020

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Neil, tēnā koe,

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Council provided its response to questions 1 and 2 in our letter of 27 August 2020. We advised that we would provide our response to questions 3 and 4 by 25 September 2020.

After further research by our Finance team, they are unable to provide percentage costs as you have requested in question 4. However, they have provided the responses below.

We have decided not to proceed with charging for this information given their revised stance on what is actually available.

3. *For every capital project, was there a budget item for iwi engagement/consultation (or a similar concept)?*

There is no separate iwi engagement/consultation budget within a capex project. It is included in the overall budget. On that basis I must decline the part of your request asking for the separate budget figures, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation, research or creation of the information, section LGOIMA 17(f) refers.

4. *If so, by specific project, how much was budgeted and what percentage of the total project cost was it?*

We don't hold the information to provide the % however can provide the costs spent from July 2018/19, as per the following table:

IWI engagement/consultation by Capex project since July 2018/19	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
KAPITI GATEWAY CAPEX	-	648	4,879
WAIKANAE LIBRARY BUILDING UPGRADE	-	600	-
NZTA MINOR SAFETY IMPR	-	-	1,416
NZTA MAJOR BRIDGE REPAIRS	-	412	-
LANDFILL CLOSURE	58	-	-
TOWN CENTRE MAJOR CONNECTORS	11,850	5,400	-
W3A MAHARA LANE WAY	420	-	-
BEACH ACCESSWAYS UPGRADE	-	912	-
	12,328	7,972	6,295

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