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**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7646491 (OIR 2021-114)**

I refer to your information request we received on 21 October 2020 for the following – please find my response below:

***The I-SITE Paraparaumu situated at Coastlands was closed in either 2018 or 2019 after a review by KCDC. It is my understanding a full review was carried out. I request under the official information act the following:***

- ***The review of the viability of the I site (that is the review document or papers presented to council in which was used to make the decision to close the isite)***

A formal review report was not presented to the Council. Regular activity data provided from the i-Site was monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis and following consideration of this information and the current context at the time, the Chief Executive made an operational management decision to close the i-Site.

- ***Emails which directly relate to the review to and from any KCDC staff and the person leading the review***

The emails you are referring to are employment related between the employer and the employee and as such are confidential between the parties. Council is therefore withholding this information under the following section of LGOIMA:

- 7(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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.

- ***Any internal memos or documentation relating to the closure of the I-SITE***

Internal communication to staff is employment related and as such is confidential between the parties. As above, this information is being withheld to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. Section 7(2)(a) refers.

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Here are the links to media advisories on this matter and a stakeholder communication sent from James Jefferson.

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/whats-on/news/2019/kpiti-i-site-premises-closed/>

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/whats-on/news/2019/i-site-premises-in-kpiti-to-close/>

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), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

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