

18 February 2021

**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7955170 (OIR: 2021-171)**

I refer to your information request we received on 2 February 2021 for the following:

***Can you supply what monetary support is rate payers are contributing to ZEAL over the last 2 calendar years 2019 and 2020 into 2021.***

Council's contract with Zeal Education Trust has an investment level of approximately \$285,000 per annum, with adjustments for inflation. This level of funding is committed in the Council's long term plan. Since 2019, Council has invested a total of \$561,300, broken down by year in the table below:

January - June 2019	July 2019 - June 2020	July 2020 - February 2021
\$133,500	\$285,200	\$142,600

You may be interested to know what programmes are made available to the district's young people as a result of this funding. The team at Zeal holds and supports a range of youth and community events. Zeal also offers creative programmes based at the Youth Centre, with a particular focus on live sound, graphic design, photography, recording and event management. There is also a mobile barista service programme for students to gain NCEA credits at local colleges.

I trust this is sufficient to answer your request. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Naku noa na



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