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I refer to your information request we received on 18 April 2021 for the following:

1. A link to reports detailing the actual housing issues in the kapiti region and the councils proposed reaction and costing details for the reaction;

In 2019 Council commissioned a [housing assessment](#) from The Property Group (TPG) which recommended 14 actions to help make progress on housing issues in the District. In April 2020 elected members agreed to establish a dedicated [housing programme](#) based on the recommended actions. Since then, initial work on these actions have been underway. A progress update illustrating the types of actions underway at present and additional housing related information can be found on the [Council Housing webpage](#).

This includes links to reporting the Council is required to undertake on housing affordability to comply with the National Policy Statement on [Urban Development](#).

The Council is proposing to increase current level of budgetary resource to enable the actions to be progressed more quickly and several actions require additional budget in order to progress. A summary of this and related costs can be found in consultation document *Securing our future* on pages 54 and 62.

In addition, as one of the initial actions Council is undertaking a Housing and Social Needs Assessment to identify an accurate picture of current and emerging housing and social needs. This will help establish a robust information base to support future discussions with Government and enable planning by Council and stakeholders to address the gaps in supply across the housing continuum. This is commencing now and budget from the current and next financial year will enable completion of this work.

2. The reports involved and costings used for setting up a CCO

There have been no reports prepared about setting up a CCO at this point. As part of developing the proposed long-term plan and determining the key decisions for consultation with the community, Councillors discussed and were verbally briefed by Council officers about the ways in which CCOs are structured and how they are used in different ways by other councils across New Zealand. A summary of this information is provided in the consultation document *Securing our future* on pages 58 and 59.

In terms of costs, as stated in the consultation document on page 59 under the heading: ***What are the options?*** the costs involved in setting up the legal structure of a CCO are minor as it is only an administrative process. If a decision is made following consultation to set up a CCO these minor costs would be funded from Council's existing operational budget.

As noted on page 58, the decision being consulted on is only to set up a structure for future use. If a CCO was set up, there would be specific consultation with the community about any proposed activity to be managed by the CCO and this would include any costs that may be involved.

3. Details and costing used for supporting the Kapiti Airport

There have been no details or costings prepared as the decision for consultation with the community at this stage is simply whether Council should explore possible options to have a role in the airport – as outlined in the consultation document ***Securing our future***, on pages 60 and 61. In terms of costs, as stated in the consultation document on page 61 under the heading: ***What are the options?*** the costs involved in exploring options would come from the Council's existing operational budget. If, following consultation, a decision is made to proceed to explore options for Council to have a role in the airport; and as a result of that work a potential option is identified, there would be specific consultation with the community about a proposal including costs. It is also noted in the consultation document, that any future steps would be reliant on the agreement of the owners of the airport (as it is privately owned).

Yours sincerely



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