

OIR: 2526/59

29 August 2025

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Tēnā koe ██████,

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

Thank you for your email of **13 August 2025** requesting the following information:

**1. What was the Operating Budget for KCDC for the year ended 30/6/2025**

The 2024/25 Operational budget is essentially the financial information disclosed in “year 1” of the 2024-34 Long-term Plan (LTP). Here is a link to the LTP which is publicly available from the Councils website:

[www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/4emlferr/long-term-plan-2024-34-document](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/4emlferr/long-term-plan-2024-34-document)

The required budgetary information and associated disclosures can be found within the “Finance” section from pages 146 to 229.

**2. How many FTE Staff were employed by Council as at 30 June 2025 and what was the total Cost for the year**

As at 30 June 2025 there were 414 FTE Staff. This number is still subject to audit confirmation and may change once the final 2024/25 Annual Report is adopted.

Here are the estimated (unaudited) 2024/25 Personnel costs:

Personal costs	2024/25 \$000
- Staff remuneration	45,319
- Other personnel costs	1,694
- Contractors	1,414
- Employer superannuation (including kiwisaver)	1,390
- Staff training	621

*Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.*

**3. What was the cost of external consultants for the year ended 30 June 2025**

The Council engages with various subject matter experts in all areas of business operations and associated costs are usually wrapped up in project budgets. Accordingly, I must decline this part of your request as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

To compile this information would require staff to search through hundreds of documents to extract and compile the information. Consideration has been given to whether your request could be further refined. However, in this particular situation we do not consider this would be possible. As such I refuse your request under section 17(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I have also considered whether we would be able to respond to this part of your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested and I have concluded that, in either case, the Council's ability to undertake its day-to-day work would be significantly impacted.

**4. What was the total operating expenditure for the year ended 30/6/2025**

The total "Operating expenses" for the 2024/25 Financial year were \$86.2 million. Please note, the 2024-25 financial information is currently in the process of being audited and the final published result may change.

**5. What was the net external debt of KCDC as at 30/6/2025**

Please refer to the below table for the information you require.

<b>Our Borrowings is made up of:</b>	
	\$000
<b>Gross borrowings</b>	
Short term borrowings	70,000
Long term borrowings	295,000
	<b>365,000</b>
<b>Less</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	(13,527)
Term deposits >3 months	(70,000)
Borrower notes	(11,525)
	<b>(95,052)</b>
<b>Net Borrowings</b>	<b>269,948</b>

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), or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark de Haast', written in a cursive style.

**Mark de Haast**  
Group Manager Corporate Services  
Te Kaihautū Ratonga Tōpū