

OIR: 2223/512

4 May 2023

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email of 3 April 2023 requesting the following information:

I would like to please request a copy of the currently public excluded report Kapiti Airport Activity from the upcoming 6 April Strategy, Operations, and Finance Committee.

I would note the airport has significant public interest surrounding it, and the Council has previously released similar reports from public excluded that were initially excluded under similar grounds, most recently in December 2022 to a Taxpayers' Union LGOIMA request in relation to commercial loan arrangements and subsidies provided to Air Chathams, thus setting a precedent that the public interest outweighs any commercial sensitivity under the act.

There was no written Report provided to the Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee on 6 April 2023. The main purpose of the item was to discuss key decision 4, from the Long-Term Plan 2021-41 (Section 1, our direction: page 49 refers), related to 'exploring whether the Council may be able have a role in the Airport' in the context of the potential implications of Waitangi Tribunal decisions and upcoming treaty settlement discussions. Loan arrangements with Air Chathams were not discussed.

As a result we must decline your request, under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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