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Tēnā koe ,

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

Thank you for your email of 4 May 2023 requesting the following information:

***1. The income to date for the 2022/23 financial year from Registration Fees***

The dog registration fee income year to date to 30 April 2023 was \$751,823.

***The number of dog owners in the Kapiti region.***

A total number of current owners is 6,876. The total number of dogs registered for 22/23 year is 8,291.

***2. The budgeted distribution of the fees for the 2022/23 financial year.***

The total budgeted expenditure relating to dog expenses for the 2022/23 financial year is \$1,091,883. Expenditure is funded by income received from dog registration fees and rate payer funding.

***3. The actual, year to date, distribution of the income from fees.***

The year-to-date expenditure relating to dog expenses to 30 April 2023 is \$880,703.

***4. The budget surpluses at this point in time (I have been advised the allocation for the Dog Parks has not been fully utilised and that the monitoring of beaches and other public areas has not been happening and would like to know the monetary value involved).***

There was only \$15,000 in the budget which was earmarked for fencing off a small dog area within an existing park. This amount was insufficient to achieve the desired outcomes on its own this financial year.

Officers have been working with community members to identify possible locations for fenced-off dog areas and the specifications needed to be effective with a view towards submitting a bid into the next Long-Term Plan for this work.

**5. Confirmation as to what will happen to the money not utilised.**

Unspent capital funding is identified for carry-over.

**6. Why your website states that part of the money collected in Dog Fees goes to "stock control", something I would expect to be covered in rates income, as dog owners have no greater interest or responsibility for this than anyone else.**

Thank you for letting us know. We have corrected this information on our website.

Ngā mihi



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