

OIR: 2425/1398

29 July 2025

[REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email of **16 June 2025** requesting the following information:

- 1. I am requesting the following information regarding an incident in which councillor Martin Halliday reportedly ejected two members of the public from council offices:
A copy of any incident reports, internal memos, or staff communications describing or referring to the event.***

This information is provided in redacted form. Personal details of the complainants have been withheld under LGOIMA 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Some details within internal correspondence have been withheld on the grounds that withholding the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty.

In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

- 2. A timeline of events as documented by council staff or security personnel.***

This information does not exist. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information

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requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found.

3. Confirmation of the date, time, and location of the incident.

The incident you are referring to took place on Saturday 10 May 2025 at a public drop in-session on Kāpiti Coast District Council's draft flood maps and models. The session took place from 10am – 12 midday at the Council Building in Paraparaumu.

4. A copy of the CCTV footage capturing the incident, or, if this is withheld, a description of the footage and the grounds under which it is being withheld.

As the footage contains images of a number of members of the public who attended the event, this information is withheld under LGOIMA 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release. A summary of the information is provided below.

Summary of CCTV footage:

The footage records the engagement session held in the ground floor lobby of the Council building. The draft flood maps are set out on tables with members of the public viewing them. There are three tables with Council staff from the Stormwater team seated at them speaking one-on-one with members of the public. There is a queue with a number of people waiting to speak to Council staff. The captured footage begins with the complainants sitting down at a table with Stormwater and Coastal Assets Manager [REDACTED] near the window. In the timeframe relevant to this incident, the complainants are seated at the table for approximately 20 minutes. The other two tables cycle through four different sets of people during this time. There are other Council staff present at the rear of the footage also speaking to members of the public.

At approximately 16 minutes into the footage Councillor Halliday picks up a chair, carries it to the table where the complainants are sitting and joins the group. He is seated for approximately 20 seconds, after which he stands up and leaves the table. Councillor Halliday then spends some time at the tables where the flood maps are.

At approximately 23 minutes into the footage Councillor Halliday approaches the table where the complainants are seated. He remains standing and gestures towards the line of people while he talks. One of the females at the table stands and leaves immediately. The other female stands up and exchanges words with Councillor Halliday. She then moves away from him towards the tables where the

flood maps are. From the footage it appears that the female and Councillor Halliday continue to exchange words with each other from this increased distance. The male remains sitting at the table. Most of the people in view of the camera are looking towards the group. Raumati Community Board Member Bede Laracy and a security guard move through the room. Community Board Member Laracy and the security guard speak to the female complainant. The male complainant leaves the table and moves towards the exit with the female complainant, Community Board Member Laracy and the security guard. Councillor Halliday also leaves the table and another member of the public sits down.

The footage continues for some minutes however a summary is not provided as it does not relate to the incident you have requested information about.

5. *A copy of any complaint(s) received regarding the councillor's conduct in relation to this incident.*

This information has been provided. Please note that personal details of the complainants have been withheld under LGOIMA 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

6. *Any correspondence, reports, or assessments related to whether the councillor's actions constituted a breach of the council's code of conduct.*

An internal assessment of the complaint and the circumstances surrounding it was carried out. This information is provided in redacted form. Some details have been withheld on the grounds that withholding the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty.

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7. *The outcome of any investigation or decision by the council, a code of conduct panel, or any other relevant authority.*

This information has been provided. Please note that personal details of the complainants have been withheld under LGOIMA 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to 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 'Darren Edwards', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Darren Edwards
Chief Executive
Te Tumuaki

If you are interested in the attachments which accompany this response, please contact us at: informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz.