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2 December 2025

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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 **25 September 2025** in relation to Waikanae Park and the associated skatepark, requesting the following information:

1. A full breakdown of all costs associated with the Waikanae Park refresh, including (but not limited to):

- **Design and planning costs**
- **Main construction costs**
- **Specialist/sub-contractor costs**
- **Demolition and temporary facilities costs**
- **Internal staff time, project management**
- **Other associated expenses**

The table below summarises the costs incurred on the project up the end of September 2025. All figures are exclusive of GST. Please note that construction activity has not started yet. The specialist costs relate to surveying, geotechnical studies, soakage testing and service location.

Item	Cost
Design and planning costs	\$59,478
Main construction costs	Nil
Specialist/sub-contractor costs	\$24,720
Demolition and temporary facilities costs	\$78,883
Internal staff time, project management	\$9,270
Other associated expenses	Nil
Total	\$172,351

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

2. The number and roles (or job titles) of external specialist contractors engaged.

The following external specialist contractors have been engaged as at 22 October 2025.

Roles	Number of companies
Landscape architect	1
Skatepark designer	1
Surveyor	1
Geotechnical engineer	1
Service location	1
Soakage testing	1
Civil Contractor	1
Procurement Specialist	1

3. All documentation, internal communications, approvals, contracts, or tenders related to:

o ***The decision to engage overseas specialist contractors***

Procurement for goods and services for this project have been conducted in accordance with Council's approved procurement policy. A local procurement specialist (MOX) ran a process of calling for proposals from a multitude of potential service providers to deliver recreation space renewals and upgrades across Councils' recreation spaces over a 3-year period. Only one skate park provider (Convic) submitted.

o ***The business case and justification for the \$3 million budget***

The Waikanae Park play space and skate park was scheduled for renewal as per estimated usable life forecast under council's asset management system (SPM) - report attached. This was reflected in having budget set aside in the LTP for work in 2024/25 and 2025/26. An independent regional safety assessment of all skate parks identified immediate safety concerns for the Waikanae skate park (Report attached) which required immediate action and reprioritising of the skate park replacement ahead of the play space.

The Council meeting on the 29 May 2025 adopted the Annual Plan confirming \$3 million for the Waikanae Park refresh.

- ***The planning and prioritisation of the Waikanae Park refresh and skatepark rebuild***

As per previous question

Please find enclosed copies of relevant documentation and communications.

The personal details of some individuals have been withheld from the information provided. The decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Some of the information you are seeking in relation to the procurement process is commercially sensitive and is withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. Section 7(2)(b)(ii) provides that Council may withhold information in order to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or who is the subject of the information.

Some of the information requested is withheld under section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Act. The withholding of 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.

I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding of this information are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

You will also note that some information has been marked as 'out of scope' as it does not relate to your request.

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,



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