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

Thank you for your emails of **10 March 2025** requesting the following information:

- 1. Please detail how bilingual signage applies to KCDC generated notices. This does not mean personal correspondence, eg emails, rates notices, only public notices, for example signs in council buildings, yards, etc. etc.***

For example, should a KCDC generated notice (this query applies only in Otaki township) of a general nature, be in both languages or can it be in just one? This is of particular interest.

Kapiti Coast District Councils use of bilingual signage is our visible expression of our partnership under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our support of te Reo Māori as an official language of Aotearoa New Zealand and our obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 to promote cultural well-being of communities within our district.

In practice, this means that Council signage can and will include both te Reo Māori and English to support:

- The normalisation of te Reo Māori in public spaces as guided by Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission)
- Council's commitment to provide inclusive public environments
- The needs and aspirations of our Mana Whenua partners

- 2. I recognise that with the population imbalance (non-maori to maori) notices could be in the dominant user language. Otaki's bi-lingual status (as decided by KCDC) appears to negate this.***

Please refer to our response for Question 1.

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

3. *How does KCDC make decisions relating to different parts of the area, (e.g. each community board area), it extracts funding from for spending decisions? Does the structure of the population and indications of future population growth have no bearing on decision making?*

The Kāpiti Coast District Council has a Revenue and Financing Policy, which is required under section 102(1) and section 102(2)(a) of the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002. The Policy sets out how each of Council's activities is funded, identifying the allocation of funding from rate, user fees and charges, and other sources including development contributions and government subsidies. You can access the policy here: [KCDC Revenue and Financing Policy 2024](#)

The Kāpiti Coast District Council has two main rating types:

- A Districtwide rate levied on all rateable units, based on the land value of the property
- Targeted rates charged to the rateable unit for specific purposes, such as water and wastewater connections, roading, stormwater, and a community rate for each ward.

Targeted rates are either:

- a fixed charge
- a charge calculated based on your property's land value or capital value
- a usage-based charge

You can access more detailed information about how we use rates here: [Types of rates and how they're used - Kāpiti Coast District Council](#)

Ngā mihi,



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