

OIR: 2526/180

15 December 2025

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Tēnā koe ██████,

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

Thank you for your email of **2 November 2025** requesting the following information:

1. In regards to your OIR: 2324/760 dated 29 January 2024

a) Please advise names of all KCDC Councillors & KCDC Officials who agreed the financial support for Air Chathams?

The minutes of the public excluded session of the Kāpiti Coast District Council meeting of 14 June 2018 did not record the votes for and against the motion to support the proposed airline service. The Council's practice in relation to the documentation of votes is for the minutes to record the mover and the seconder of the motion, and whether the motion was carried and only record the names for and against a motion if a member calls for a division in line with the Council's Standing orders. A division was not called for this item.

The minutes show that the members present and voting at the meeting were:

- Mayor K Gurunathan (Chair)
- Cr M Benton
- Cr A Buswell
- Cr M Cardiff
- Cr J Cootes
- Cr J Elliott
- Cr J Holborow
- Cr J Howson
- Cr M Scott
- Cr F Vining

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

In line with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, Staff were present at the meeting in an advisory capacity and do not have voting rights. Council officers provided information via a report to the Council to ensure elected members were presented with all options prior to a decision being made. The Council minutes only document attendees at the meeting that have a right to vote in the matter and senior staff in attendance. As the senior Council officers did not participate in decision-making their names have not been provided.

b) *Reference table detailing the Loan & Grants. Please advise names of all KCDC Councillors & KCDC Officials who agreed these Grants & Loan to Air Chathams?*

The decision made at the 14 June 2018 Council meeting approved grant funding for three years, commencing from 1 July 2018. Members present and voting on these funding amounts are listed in the answer to question 1 (a).

At the 28 May 2022 Council meeting a further decision was made extending a further \$500,000 loan. Members present and voting at that meeting were:

- Mayor K Gurunathan (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor J Holborow
- Cr J Cootes
- Cr J Elliott
- Cr G Compton
- Cr J Prvanov
- Cr M Halliday
- Cr S Handford
- Cr Rob McCann

A division was also not called and therefore who voted for or against the motion is not documented in the minutes.

c) *Please advise names of all KCDC Councillors & KCDC Officials who did not support the motions in the above a) & b)*

In line with the answers provided to questions 1(a) and 1(b), it is the Council policy to only record elected members' names voting for or against a motion if a division is called in line with the Council's Standing Orders. A division is often requested if it is unclear whether a motion is carried or lost or if a member wishes to clearly document voted for an against a motion. If no division is called, members are comfortable that the outcome of the vote is clear and no division is required to ascertain whether a motion is carried or lost. The meeting minutes did not record a division and therefore only the names of the elected members present and voting can be provided.

As outlined in the response to question 1a) staff were only present in an advisory capacity and do not have voting rights.

2. In regards to your OIR: 2425/1704 dated 11 September 2024

Questions arising from response 2425-1022

- a) The Loan facility, year agreement term expired in September 2025 - Please advise if the Loan of \$500,000 has been paid in full?**

The original repayment date was 22 November 2025. The Council has been in discussions with Air Chathams around the repayment of the loan, which has not yet been repaid, and has agreed to a repayment date of May 2026. Additional details are withheld under sections 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(i) of the Act on the basis that providing the information will prejudice the Council's ability to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations, as well as being likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is subject to the information. The Council has consulted with Air Chathams on this request.

- b) If full payment hasn't been received, please advise the value of any sum received?**

Please see response to 2(a) above.

- c) If no payment has been received, please advise what KCDC undertaking to recover the debt in full?**

Please see response to 2(a) above.

3. In regards to your OIR: 2425/1074 dated 11 September 2024

- a) Please confirm KCDC will employ all available avenues to ensure this loan is paid and how they intend to perform this task**

Please see response to 2(a) above.

- b) Should full payment of the Loan have not been received, please confirm when & what actions KCDC has performed to address their actions**

Please see response to 2(a) above.

In the 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,



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