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21 February 2024

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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 31 January 2024 requesting the following information:

- 1. I have been told that KCDC purchased 14 Charnwood Grove Waikanae (backs onto river bank by Jim Cooke park) nearly 1 year ago as they wanted to use part of the section to upgrade the drainage system?***

Yes, it was purchased for the purpose of installing a stormwater pump station.

- 2. The purchase price was \$820,000, which I presume would have been paid for from our rates***

Yes, either directly or indirectly through borrowings associated with the project.

- 3. Could the property have been rented out to a family in need? Hope someone is able to explain this as I feel if this is true it is an extreme case of negligence from KCDC.***

The stormwater project was going to progress but was put on hold as a result of the nationally driven three waters reform, as the ownership of the site was going to transition to the Government's proposed three waters authority.

Through this process the property has been subject to nightly security checks and the property has been maintained.

Now that the three-water reform is not progressing, the site is still required for the Installation of a Wet Well pump station, but at a later stage.

The property since late November has been put under the KCDC Property Unit to manage and will be tenanted to derive income.

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

The Property Team are currently going through the healthy homes assessment process as required by Tenancy Law, and once the work is completed, the dwelling will go into the council residency portfolio, managed by the KCDC Property Division.

You have previously been provided with a link to a previous request for information regarding the property. That response can be found here: [2324 629 Redacted](#).

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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