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13 April 2026

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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 **30 March 2026** requesting the following information:

Can you please confirm that the CEO and Mr Mallon are currently jointly or separately visiting London, England, representing the Kapiti Council? Or perhaps this is upcoming or has already occurred?

Could you please provide the reason and terms of reference for their travel, the expected outcome for KCDC and their associated costs for this, both individually and jointly.

The Council is seeking insurance for its below ground three waters assets as part of work to establish an in-house business unit under the Government's Local Water Done Well policy.

Previously, the Council procured insurance cover for its below ground three waters assets (drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater) as part of the Outer Wellington Shared Services Insurance Syndicate. However, the Outer Wellington Shared Services Insurance Syndicate is winding up due to other syndicate members becoming part of Tiaki Wai from 1 July 2026. This means the Council now needs to secure insurance cover for its below ground three waters assets as a standalone entity.

On the advice of the Council's insurance broker, AoN, and to mitigate the risk of the Council not having adequate insurance for critical three waters assets, Darren Edwards, Chief Executive and Sean Mallon, Group Manager Infrastructure and Asset Management travelled to London last month to meet with multiple offshore underwriters. The sole objective of this trip was to secure insurance cover of up to \$365 million for our below ground three waters assets from 1 July 2026 to either 30 April 2027 or 30 June 2027. Discussions covered the condition of our assets, loss modelling scenarios and the Council's 30-year vision and strategy.

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

Feedback from the underwriters was overwhelmingly positive and they strongly indicated their appreciation of our attendance and their willingness to engage in enduring relationships with the Council. Some underwriters expressed interest in insuring our above-ground asset as a standalone entity. We will explore this for our 2027 insurance renewal.

Travel expenses to London were in line with the Council's General Expenses Policy.

The associated costs consisted of:

	Chief Executive	Group Manager, Infrastructure and Asset Management	Total
Flights	\$12,428.67	\$12,016.87	\$24,445.54
Accommodation	\$4,189.53	\$4,189.53	\$8,379.06
Expenses:			
Taxis (combined)	\$541.15	-	\$1,212.33
Additional meals (combined)	\$671.18		
Total	\$17,830.53	\$16,206.40	\$34,036.93

Ngā mihi,



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