

OIR: 2425/1413

25 July 2025



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 **27 June 2025** requesting the following information:

We request the following information in relation to Kāpiti Coast District Council's partnership arrangements and representation of mana whenua:

1. *The total amount of annual funding (since 2020/21) provided to iwi, including grants, organisational support, and partnership funding*

Each year, our iwi partners receive an annual amount for capacity funding. Capacity funding is money provided for a particular purpose, in this case capacity allowing iwi entities the ability to engage, stemming from an understanding that our iwi partners do not have resource to support, engage and contribute to Council business and decision-making. This funding also allows iwi to build their internal organisational capacity.

Please see below amounts:

<i>Iwi</i>	<i>FY20/21</i>	<i>FY21/22</i>	<i>FY22/23</i>	<i>FY23/24</i>	<i>FY24/25</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai	\$133,327	\$352,073	\$637,283	\$568,738	\$502,626	\$2,194,047
Ngā Hapu o Ōtaki	\$30,100	\$293,256	\$206,567	\$611,798	\$411,000	\$1,552,721
Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira	\$85,363	\$169,280	\$157,117	\$435,705	\$367,200	\$1,214,666

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

Total amount of funding across all three iwi partners for the financial years mentioned is **\$4,961,434**

2. A breakdown of which iwi entities have received this funding, and for what purposes

Please see response to question 1 above – included in these amounts are monies for the purposes of:

- Capacity Funding – FY 23/24 and 24/25 inclusive of District Planning
- Capex - engagement, consultation or partnering on Capex projects
- Council/Committee Representation
- Other¹

3. The remuneration (per member and in total) provided to iwi representatives appointed to Council committees or other governance structures

Council resolved to appoint mana whenua representatives to Council's Governance Structure (Council and committees) on 24 November 2022 and agreed to reimburse each mana whenua iwi for the contribution of their representative through an annual payment directly to the iwi. This is currently \$52,705.00 per annum.

This payment is made to Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust and Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki who then, as iwi, determine how to remunerate the individual representatives.

In line with an agreement established after the resolution by Council, the Ngāti Toa Rangatira representative is paid directly on a monthly basis totalling an annual remuneration payment of the above amount.

Through its Partnership Agreement with mana whenua, Council has also established Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti as a mechanism for mana whenua to provide guidance to Council on relevant matters. Attendance at these meetings is reimbursed at a per meeting rate in line with the *Non-Elected Members; Fees Framework* adopted by Council on 26 January 2023. This is attached and can be found here: [Elected member remuneration expenses and allowances - Kāpiti Coast District Council](#)).

Any expenses claims incurred by mana whenua representatives are also reimbursed in line with this framework.

4. The legal or policy basis on which iwi representatives are appointed to Council committees with voting rights

Mana whenua representatives are appointed to Council and its committees in line with Council's formally adopted Governance Structure and Delegations for the 2022-2025 triennium (the document is attached and can be found here: [Governance 2022–25 - Kāpiti Coast District Council](#)). Mana whenua representatives are entitled to attend Council meetings with speaking rights only, as voting at Council meetings is legislatively limited to those members that are elected to Council by way of a triennial election or by-election. However, it

¹ Other includes engagement across the business on projects e.g. Strategies, Bylaw, Waahi Tapu consultation, Strategic Frameworks, Takutai Kapiti, District Planning and Better Off Funding

is at the discretion of Council to provide speaking-rights to any other parties, which currently includes mana whenua representatives and Community Board chairs.

In line with the provisions of Clause 31, Part 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council may appoint any member of a committee, and these members may, but do not need to, be elected members of Council, if that appointed person has the skills, attributes, or knowledge that will assist the work of the committee. Council resolved on 24 November 2022, when it formally adopted its Governance Structure and Delegations for the 2022-2025 triennium, to appoint mana whenua representatives to its committees. The meeting agenda and minutes are attached and can be found here: [Past agendas and minutes - Kāpiti Coast District Council](#) and the YouTube recording of the meeting discussing the matter can be found here: [24 November 2022 | Council meeting part 1](#), [24 November 2022 | Council meeting part 2](#), [24 November 2022 | Council meeting part 3](#).

5. *The remuneration and role of each iwi representative appointed as a non/voting member of Council*

At the 24 November 2024 meeting of Council, when the appointment of mana whenua representatives to Council's Governance Structure was resolved, Council also agreed to reimburse each mana whenua iwi (Ngāti Toa Rangātira, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki and Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust) for the contribution of their representatives by paying each iwi an annual fee, equivalent to the remuneration of a full-time elected member with additional responsibilities. This is currently \$52,705.00 per annum in line with the most recent Remuneration Determination by the Remuneration Authority (Page 31, [Local Government Elected Members \(2025/26\) Determination 2025 \(SL 2025/140\) Contents – New Zealand Legislation](#)) and covers attendance and contribution at Council and all committee meetings representatives are appointed to.

6. *The results of any consultation or survey conducted on the introduction of Māori wards, including dates and participation rates*

Ahead of considering the establishment of a Māori ward for the 2025-2028 triennium, Council consulted with the community on this decision. The analysis of the consultation and the process to establish a Māori ward, was discussed at the 14 November 2023 Council meeting ([Past agendas and minutes - Kāpiti Coast District Council](#)) and the agenda, appendices and minutes are attached. The recording of the meeting can be found on Council's YouTube channel here: [14 November 2023 | Additional Council Meeting](#).

7. *Any reports, briefings, or advice provided to elected members or staff in relation to the decision to establish a Māori ward*

Ahead of Council's decision to establish a Māori ward on 14 November 2023, a public briefing provided Council with a summary on the consultation undertaken. The presentation is attached and can be found under: [Presentations to Council - Kāpiti Coast District Council](#). The recording of the public briefing can be found on Council's YouTube channel here: [2 November 2023 | Briefing – Establishment of a Māori Ward](#).

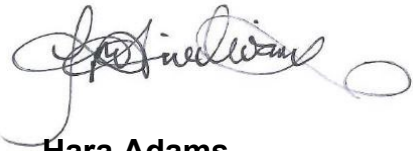
8. The number of general ward councillors to be elected before and after the Māori ward is introduced in October 2025

Prior to the introduction of the Māori Ward for the 2025-2028 triennium, Council's representation structure consisted of seven General Ward Councillors covering the Waikanae, Ōtaki, Paraparaumu and Paekākāriki-Raumati Wards.

In addition to that, the structure consisted of two districtwide Councillors and one Mayor, elected at-large. With the addition of the Kapiti Coast Māori Ward Councillor after the October 2025 election, the number of Ward Councillors will increase to eight, consisting of seven General Ward Councillors and one Māori Ward Councillor. In addition to that, the Council structure will also consist a Mayor elected at-large and two districtwide Councillors. In total, the number of elected representatives around the Council table will remain at 11, with the new Māori Ward Councillor replacing a districtwide seat.

Our [Pre-election report 2025](#) is available on our website for further detail on Representation.

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