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

Happy New Year to you.

Thank you for your email of 23rd December 2022 requesting the following information:

- 1. In your role as Manager, Place and Space – covering Kapiti District, north to south, now the Gateway has resource consent - could you ensure staff handling the Gateway – which will benefit (1) a unique group holding 24 hour landing rights as land owners, and (2) tourists who can afford the \$84 per 10 minute return cross (can land six months pa - crossing dangers) – take over Otaki Beach development?***

The Te Uruhi project is not under the remit of Place and Space, so the direct answer to your question is 'no' as we are not managing the project. However, I have contacted the Group Manager responsible, and I advise that there is no intention to reallocate staff resource from Te Uruhi as Council is yet to make a decision on the next steps for this project. The Group Manager responsible for Council's Strategy and Growth has also advised that consideration of Ōtaki and the Ōtaki Beach development will be discussed with the Ōtaki Community Board and Council in 2023. Please refer to the response to Question 4 by way of explanation.

- 2. 2014 written replies from LINZ show they would accommodate a proposed community initiated beach development. The Surf Club is on LINZ land - KCDC supply both water and sewage facilities, as to the 1938 Pavilion. The Crown did not object to the adjacent 1970s skating rink with WC facilities, site of the proposed new toilet/changing room block.***

Has KCDC asked LINZ about KCDC rights to:

(a) continue using LINZ land as now, and

In 2016 LINZ officially recognised the land as being a 'legal road' due to accretion. The legal road is controlled and managed by Council – the land is not LINZ land.

b) KCDC's right to build new toilet/change room amenities on former skate park land north of the Surf Club.

No. The Council has no current plans or funding allocated to build new toilet/change room amenities on former skate park land north of the Surf Club.

3. When will KCDC acknowledge that LINZ, who did not oppose Otaki Beachfront land use, proceed with beachfront development, including the sole building required, a new changing room/wc block for the rapidly expanding Otaki population. The current WC block - an 84 year old earthquake risk - has historic place listing so cannot be enlarged to accommodate increased demand.

As above the Council is not currently planning to develop further assets other than those funded through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (which includes a toilet at Chrystall's Bend Ōtaki River). The Council's Long-Term Plan (LTP) is due to be revisited this year (for approval in 2024) and this LTP, which will be publicly consulted, is the appropriate place for investment decisions and trade-offs for funding to occur.

4. Why does KCDC neglect Otaki? Paraparumu Gateway and Waikanae's Mahara (both costs) require ratepayer funds. KCDC ex ratepayers, funds them. By contrast, without ratepayer \$, Otaki Wananga is employment and revenue producing, as is Otaki Kite Day. For this a large % of \$ KCDC contribution goes on Porterloos. Since Kite Day inception, collectively, that \$ could have contributed significantly to adequate WC/change room facilities. Different staff then. Not forward thinking, imaginative or able to take initiatives. As a manager, you could be. Can you take initiative over neglected Otaki beach?

The Council's work programme and priorities are revisited every three years via the LTP, please refer to the current LTP via this link on our website [Long Term Plan](#). Effectively this is the blueprint officers must follow when making decisions. The LTP is publicly consulted and reflects the views and priorities of the wider community. There are always competing priorities, cost pressures and trade-offs through developing the LTP. Officers do not have the discretion to vary the LTP. The current LTP is due for revision by 30th June 2024, this will be publicly consulted and at the appropriate time I will be happy to invite you to make a submission.

if you wish I am happy to meet with you to discuss any aspect of this or your various other LGOIMA requests. Please email me at Mike.Mendonca@kapiticoast.govt.nz and we can organise a time that suits.

Yours sincerely



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Te Kaiwhakahaere roopu, Takiwa me te Waahi