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

Thank you for your email of 17 November 2022 requesting the following information **regarding KCDC Housing Strategy**:

1. As new Chief Executive, have you familiarised yourself with the Housing Strategy?

The new Chief Executive for Kapiti Council has been briefed on the Housing Strategy adopted by the Council in May 2022.

2. Has the Group Manager, Strategy and Growth established a Housing Manager/team with responsibility for implementation of the Housing Strategy?

I can confirm [REDACTED] the Housing Programme Manager to lead the coordinated delivery of Council's housing programme. I understand [REDACTED] has contacted you recently regarding your enquiry related to the Kāinga Ora submission on Plan Change 2: Intensification.

The Housing Strategy will be delivered by coordinating the activity across teams in Council and in partnership with other agencies, as is agreed by Council. As part of usual practice, the priority of actions that will be progressed in the new triennium will be approved by the newly appointed Council.

3. Is there a Committee of elected representatives who will work alongside Council on implementation of the Housing Strategy?

Council approved the Housing Strategy in May 2022. Following the recent Council elections, new Council Committees are in the process of being confirmed and established.

4. With a number of emerging proposals for housing developments in the District, is there a workstream set up to “investigate a range of options for encouraging/requiring market provision to fill gaps in the housing continuum, for example, inclusionary zoning, density bonuses, development contributions? (From 5.2 key Council workstreams)

The Council Workstreams noted in Section 5.2 of the Housing Strategy outline the key pieces of work in the pipeline which will support the implementation of the Housing Strategy. These workstreams are spread over multiple years between 2021 and 2026 as shown in figure 9.

Part of figure 9 includes a column which is headed ‘Responds to issue number’. This indicates how the workstreams will respond to the focus areas and actions in the strategy, (section 5.1) including the points raised above.

5. Is Council aware of plans by Kainga Ora to purchase land and develop housing in the District?

Council is aware Kāinga Ora is actively looking for opportunities to increase the amount of public housing in Kāpiti, I draw your attention to the article that appeared in the NZ Herald on 20 October 2022:

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/kapiti-news/news/two-new-kainga-ora-homes-help-address-social-housing-needs/LNU5M5SN35MXYKX7GDI2J7IRE4/>

Kāinga Ora is the largest social housing provider in the Kāpiti Coast District with 219 properties in Kāpiti as at June 2022. We understand that Kāinga Ora is looking to redevelop existing properties, such as the property referred to in the article, as well as purchasing land to develop.

Ngā mihi



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