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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 **31 August 2025** requesting the following information:

1. *What percentage of KCDC rates per capita are spent on Otaki compared to Waikanae etc over the last five years?*

The Council's financial accounting is undertaken at the activity level, not at the ward level, in accordance with Public Sector Public Benefit Entities (PBE) Accounting Standards and the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014. These frameworks guide how councils across New Zealand report and manage their finances, ensuring consistency, transparency, and accountability.

As a result, the Council does not hold financial data that allocates rates revenue or expenditure on a per capita basis by ward.

That said, capital investment in the Ōtaki ward continues to support future growth, with a number of capital projects completed, underway, or planned. Some of these are funded through the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF), awarded by the Crown to support housing and infrastructure development, from which Kapiti has been approved to receive a total of \$29.3 million.

While these projects are not ward-specific in accounting terms, they do represent targeted investment in the Ōtaki area. These include:

- Capacity upgrades to Ōtaki's drinking water infrastructure, both water treatment plants and network upgrades, including two reservoirs (\$21.1 million);
- Upgrade of the Ōtaki wastewater treatment plant aeration lagoon and expansion of the Otaki gravity trunk sewer main (\$17.9 million)
- Ongoing conversion of the former state highway to local connector streets and rural roads in Te Horo and Ōtaki and between Ōtaki and Peka Peka (\$6.03 million).

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

- Installation of a fire main “loop” to significantly improve firefighting capacity spanning Riverbank Road, the old State Highway 1, Waerenga Road, and Dunstan Street (\$3.19 million)
- New public toilets near Crystals Bend on the Ōtaki River (\$.387million)
- Planning and delivery of seismic strengthening of the Ōtaki theatre (\$3.48 million)
- Planning for an upgrade of the Ōtaki swimming pool (\$11.72 million)
- Repair of the slip on Ōtaki Gorge Rd at Blue Bluff (\$2.55 million).

Further information on these projects can be found in Council's 2024-34 Long-term Plan (LTP), the 2025/26 Annual Plan and the 2024/25 Annual Report which was adopted by Council on 18 September 2025 and will be publicly available online within the next 10 days. All plans and performance reports can be found on the Council's website: www.kapiticoast.govt.nz.

2. *How are Otaki contributions to the Greater Wellington Council spent?*

The Kāpiti Coast District Council does not administer or manage funding for Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). As such, we are unable to provide detailed information on how GWRC allocates or spends contributions from specific areas such as Ōtaki.

We recommend that you contact GWRC directly for this information. They will be best placed to advise on their funding structure and how it relates to individual communities.

We hope this information is helpful. Thank you for your interest in the Council's work in the Ōtaki community.

Ngā mihi,



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