

4 July 2022

Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – OIR reference: 2122-298

I refer to your information request we received on 20 June 2022 for the following:

- 1. What has the KCDC done to validate the earlier recommendations from Ministry of Health that the Vaccines were safe and effective and now that this information has come out from the drug manufacturer what is the council doing to review their decisions around vaccines and ensure ratepayers and staff are informed of these dangers.***

Council monitors guidance in relation to COVID-19 vaccination safety from the Ministry of Health and continues to accept the Government's assurance that vaccination provides the safest protection available against COVID-19.

- 2. Can you please send me a copy of your letters or emails to the MOH and Government asking them to explain why they said the vaccine was safe and effective when the manufacturer itself has now released documents to the contrary.***

Council keeps up to date with current Government information and guidance in relation to COVID-19 vaccinations and has not considered there to be any reason to communicate directly with the Government in relation to vaccine safety.

- 3. Also I would expect that your Audit and risk committee has already discussed this risk – please send me confirmation of the minutes and what actions are being taken to address this serious risk.***

The ongoing impacts of COVID-19 as it affects Council and the community is reported regularly to the Audit and Risk Subcommittee as a risk – you can view the reports and minutes for the Audit and Risk Subcommittee meetings on the Council website at [Meetings - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Meetings). Risks in relation to vaccine safety have not been raised with the Subcommittee as this is not seen as an area of concern.

- 4. Also all of the people in the community that decided to not have the experimental vaccine have been denied access to the facilities they pay for in their rates. What is the council going to do sort this out?***

No members of the community are being denied access to our facilities. The requirement to show a Vaccine Pass at Council owned community facilities was lifted on the 4th of April this year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dianne Andrew', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dianne Andrew

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Te Kaihautū mo te Hunga Mahi