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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-114

I refer to our previous email exchanges regarding agreements between the Council and Air Chathams. Following your letter to the Office of the Ombudsman we have agreed to treat that complaint as a new request on the basis you had not previously requested details of subsidies provided to Air Chathams by the Council.

We understand that you are seeking details of any existing agreements between the Council and Air Chathams over the payment of subsidies.

For the avoidance of doubt, we do not regard the loan facility that the Council has provided Air Chathams as a subsidy, but in any case you are aware of that loan. Details of that loan will be noted in the Council's Annual Report which will be published shortly.

Councils also makes a contribution towards Air Chathams marketing costs though its Economic Development budget. This contribution supports the delivery of the Whakapapa / Positioning the Kāpiti Coast strategic pillar outlined in the Kāpiti Coast Economic Development Strategy. The contribution consists of an annual payment of \$50,000.

I trust this response addresses your request.

Yours sincerely



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