

OIR: 2324/1047

17 September 2024

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 **29 July 2024** requesting the following information:

1. Copies of all emails between KCDC and Jacobs from December 2020 to February 2021

To clarify:

- There were over 300 emails exchanged between Council and Jacobs for the period of December 2020 to February 2021.
- During this period, Jacobs were also contracted to complete other work for other parts of Council that were not related to Takutai Kāpiti.
- Given that your previous LGOIMA requests have been regarding Takutai Kāpiti and to minimise the collation required, I have attached a copy of all emails between KCDC and Jacobs regarding work associated with Takutai Kāpiti for the stipulated period.

Please note that the personal details of other parties have been withheld from this information. The decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

Some information within the attachment is withheld on the basis that the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, in the course of their duty, section 7(2)(f)(i) of the LGOIMA refers.

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

In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release

Some information has been marked as being out of scope as it is concerned with matters unrelated to your request. It isn't unusual for emails to discuss more than one subject or for a chain of email to branch off into a different direction on a separate topic.

2. Copies of all documentation amending deliverable 1 of the Jacobs' Contract (contract 2020/340)

I can confirm that:

- Council did not amend 'deliverable 1 of the Jacob's contract (contract 202/3340)'.
- However, relevant variations to 'Coastal Science and Engineering Services -Takutai Kāpiti Ref: 2020/C340' were outlined in my Response to OIR 2324-963 (Question 3.2). The relevant documents were attached to this Response.

On this basis, I am declining this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to <u>info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,

Kris Pervan Group Manager Strategy and Growth Te Kaihautū Rautaki me te Tupu

If you require the attachments referred to in the above letter, please contact the Information Request Team - informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz