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

Thank you for your email of **24 February 2025** requesting the following information:

- 1. The expected monetary value of the financial contribution the KCDC would make to economic development for each year covered by the Long-term Plan (including this financial year) including (but not limited to, if there is some other forms of expenditure not listed below)***

Can this answer separate out financial contributions to the EDKB/Trust/limited liability company for their investment in ED activities themselves, and the money required to support for the management and operation of the entities (whether the support is in cash or in-kind support)

- a) To the EDKB, and the proposed Trust and limited liability company***
- b) To the Economic Development team itself (as I understand that the ED team will be doing work separate from the EDKB/Trust/and the proposed limited liability company).***

Please find a link to the Kāpiti Coast District Council Long-term Plan which shows the financial contribution to economic development activity: [Long-term Plan 2024–34](#). Please refer to pages 182 and 183.

In regard to your query around investment in ED activities themselves, and the money required to support the management and operation of the entities, the following table outlines investment in ED activity:

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Total funding available for allocation	1,476	1,507	1,540

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

	2024/25 \$000	2025/26 \$000	2026/27 \$000
EDKB financial contribution, including new operating model	327	334	341
Financial contribution towards ED projects (led by the ED team)	949	974	999
Funding contribution allocated to other parties	200	200	200

No financial contributions have been made to the Trust and Limited Liability company as these do not yet exist. Therefore, this request is declined under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA as the information requested is not held by Council and there are no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another local authority or a department.

You can read more about the process to establish the entities on the council website under the Council Meeting dated Thursday 28 November 2024 [Please refer to item 11.3.](#)

2. How much has been spent on each of the last three years on the activities listed in question 1?

Following on from response to question 1, investment in ED activities themselves over the last three years is shown in the table below:

FY Actuals	2021/22 \$000	2022/23 \$000	2023/24 \$000
Direct Costs	1,096	3,224*	1,544**

Note:

* The 2022-23 amount of \$3.224m includes \$1.353m, which relates to the discontinuation of the Kāpiti Gateway project. On 2 March 2023, Council passed a resolution not to proceed with this project, which resulted in a one-off expense to Council as costs incurred to date could no longer be capitalised. In addition, the Strategic Development Team was mapped to the Economic Development activity in 2022-23 (\$680k) but has subsequently been moved to the Districtwide Planning activity.

** The 2023/24 amount of \$1.55m includes an amount of \$190k that was allocated to Better Off Funding projects. This expenditure was fully funded by a Better Off Funding Grant of \$190k.

3. I understand this activity is all funded through a targeted rate on businesses in Kapiti. Can you clarify:

The economic development activity is funded through a combination of a Targeted rate, the Districtwide General Rate and Operating grants.

a) What the targeted rate is, and which businesses pay this rate

The extract below is from Council's Funding Impact Statement: Rating policy and describes the rate and how it is applied.

13. Funding mechanism: targeted rate – Commercial rate

Purposes applied: A portion of the cost of providing economic development in the Kāpiti Coast District. The remainder is funded by the Districtwide General rate.

Categories – rating areas	Rating basis	Revenue sought \$000 (incl. GST)
All Commercial rating units	Rate in \$ of capital value	769

b) *Would this rate be increased to fund the activities proposed in this consultation? If so, what is the rate now and what would it become?*

Council has made no decision to change the funding levels provided to support the activities in the consultation. However, going forward the Council has discussed the ability to reset this proportion, so that those that benefit the most pay a greater share.

c) *The revenue from the targeted rate for each of the last three financial years*

Sources of Funding \$'000(excl. GST)	FY Actuals 2021/22	FY Actuals 2022/23	FY Actual 2023/24
Targeted Rate	563	564	661

d) *The expected revenue from the targeted rate for each year covered by the Long-term Plan.*

The Economic Development Targeted Rate has not been separately forecast in the Long-term Plan.

Therefore, this request is declined under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA as the information requested is not held by Council and there are no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another local authority or a department.

4. *The actual level of non-KCDC funding that was obtained and applied to economic activities for each of the financial years 2021/22 to 2023/24 (based on the discussion yesterday, I expect this to be nil, but it would be great if your finance people could confirm)*

The following table shows non-KCDC funding that was obtained and applied to economic activities for each of the financial years 2021/22 to 2023/24

Account \$'000	Full	Full	Full
	Year	Year	Years
	Actuals	Actuals	Actual
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Operating Grants	(207)	(155)	(285)
13341 GRANTS	(105)	(155)	(45)
13345 BOF REVENUE - FOOD & BEVERAGE PROJECTS	-	-	(190)
13342 BOF REVENUE - EDUCATION HUB	-	-	(50)
133A8 KAPITI GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT INCOME	(35)	-	0
133A7 TE HUNGA RANGATAHI INCOME	(67)	-	0

5. The level of non-KCDC funding that is expected to be obtained and applied to economic activities for each of the financial years covered by the Long-term Plan 2024/25 to 2033/34.

The non-KCDC funding that is expected to be obtained and applied to economic activities has not been separately forecast in the Long-term Plan. Therefore, this request is declined under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA as the information requested is not held by Council and there are no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another local authority or a department.

However, currently there is an expectation that the new entities would provide a return to Council by 2029/30. This will be as a result of securing alternative funding and investment for economic development activity in Kapiti.

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

Ngā mihi,



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