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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Correspondence relating to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

30 August 2021

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for correspondence relating to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project

I refer to your official information request dated 03 August 2021 for correspondence relating to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.

You have asked for the following information:

- All communications between yourself and/or the Mayor of Westland and staff and/or Councillors at the West Coast Regional Council pertaining to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.
- All internal communications between yourself and the Mayor of Westland pertaining to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.
- Any communications between yourself and/or the Mayor of Westland and staff at the Ministry of MBIE or PDU pertaining to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.

The information you requested is enclosed. The Report to Council – Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - Contributions, has been redacted under section 7(f)(i) of LGOIMA – 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, or any persons to whom section 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty.

You can find the final report in the October 2020 Council meeting agenda here:

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/22.10.20%20-%20Council%20Meeting%20Agenda.pdf>

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Officer at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

Attachment: 21.22.07 Correspondence
SB/MB

Archived: Thursday, 26 August 2021 11:21:38 AM

From: [Simon Bastion](#)

Mail received time: Tue, 13 Oct 2020 09:55:01

Sent: Mon, 12 Oct 2020 20:55:01

To: [WDC Executive Team](#); [Emma Rae](#)

Subject: Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

[Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution.docx](#);



Good morning team – can I ask that you please review the second report of WCRC protection works – this time for Hokitika & Kaniere

Cheers
Simon

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From: [Randal Beal](#)

Mail received time: Tue, 15 Sep 2020 09:27:36

Sent: Mon, 14 Sep 2020 21:27:14

To: [Simon Bastion](#); [Bruce Smith](#)

Cc: [Nichola Costley](#)

Subject: Consultation documents for Franz and Hokitika-CONFIDENTIAL.

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

[Hokitika RD cover letter 2020.docx](#); [Opinion Survey Hokitika.doc](#); [Franz Josef RD cover letter 2020.docx](#); [Opinion Survey Franz Josef.doc](#);

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Hi,

Please find attached the consultation documents for the Franz Josef and Hokitika/Kaniere consultation. Can I please ask that these are shared with your Councillors in confidence until they are released to the media on Thursday this week.

I'm happy to do a Councilor briefing if there is anything they want covered off in greater detail.

Cheers

Randal



Randal Beal

Director of Operations

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11 September 2020

Reference: Hokitika and Kaniere Rating District

Dear Sir/Madam

Hokitika and Kaniere – Crown Infrastructure Co-funding

During the COVID-19 lockdown Central Government announced an economy stimulus package which included funding for resilience projects that were “shovel ready”. Council submitted for a total of \$45.1 million (M) funding to the Crown Infrastructure Projects fund for projects across the West Coast, which included a \$7M project for the Hokitika and Kaniere communities.

Project description

The proposed project is the extension of the sea wall to Richards Drive and the construction of a river flood protection scheme to provide far greater resilience and protection between Kaniere and Sunset point from a 1:100 year flood event.

Outcomes of funding applications

Up to \$3.8M of funding has been made available for the Hokitika and Kaniere resilience project. However, co-funding of \$3.2M is required in order to secure this \$3.8M. The \$3.2M is proposed to be funded via a merged, and extended, Rating District encompassing the current Hokitika and Kaniere Rating Districts.

Note: If the required co-funding is not secured for the resilience project then the project will not proceed.

The proposed breakdown of the \$3.2M co-funding is:

- \$2.7M is proposed to be funded via a merged and extended Rating District
- \$250,000 is proposed to be funded by WCRC
- \$250,000 is proposed to be funded by WDC

Council is working hard to secure additional co-funding which will reduce the amount sought from the Rating District but is unable to confirm how much, or when that additional co-funding will be secured.

How can I find out more?

Information Drop-in Sessions

More detailed information on this project will be able to be viewed and discussed at a “drop in” session. These sessions will be held at the Wests Rugby clubrooms on 50 Brittan Street, Hokitika on 29 September between 10.00am and 6.00pm, and on 30 September between 9.00am and 2.00pm. Councillors and staff from both the Westland District Council and West Coast Regional Council will be available for one on one discussion.

Proposed boundary and differential changes

To ensure that the required co-funding is shared by all benefitting parties it is proposed to merge the two existing rating districts as well as having the current boundaries extended. The new Rating District would have one differential meaning that each rateable property would pay the same amount per \$100,000 of capital value.

Financial Impacts

Over the last 12 months Council has undertaken short term protection works to reduce damage from coastal erosion at the northern end of the existing wall. It is intended that this will contribute to the required co-funding.

The Hokitika and Kaniere Rating Districts have existing loans from previous protection works. It is proposed that the existing debt is re-financed to include the co-funding component. This will result in a loan of \$4.3M comprised of:

- Total existing debt \$1,600,000
- Co-funding required \$2,700,000

New Rating District Loan (including Co-funding) of \$4.3M is an annual cost of \$45/100,000 Capital Value based on a 25 year loan @1.5% interest rate. The final interest rate will be that prevailing at the time of borrowing. The new rating will not begin until the 2021/22 financial year.

Maintenance

A maintenance rate is also required to ensure that funds are available to undertake any necessary repairs to the assets. It is proposed the maintenance required per year is \$50,000 plus GST. The proposed maintenance rate has a financial impact of \$10.81 plus GST per \$100,000 of Capital Value. The maintenance rate is reviewed annually by the Joint Committee.

Governance structure

It is proposed that the merged rating district establishes a Joint Committee to make future recommendations to Council. The Joint Committee would be comprised of:

- Westland District Council Mayor
- Westland District Councillors (2)
- West Coast Regional Council Chair
- West Coast Regional Councillors Westland Constituency (2)

How can I provide feedback?

It is important that Council hears from you in relation to the proposed works and required co-funding. The returned survey forms will be collated and presented to Council to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the changes to the Rating District to secure the co-funding and undertake the project.

The feedback form seeks your response to the following questions:

- Do you agree with meeting the co-funding requirements of the project?
- Do you agree with the proposed term of the loan?
- Do you agree with the proposed governance structure?
- Do you agree with the proposed boundary for the Rating District?

You can either post your survey forms in the stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed back to Council, email them directly to Council at hokitikafeedback@wrc.govt.nz or complete the online submission form by going to our website www.wrc.govt.nz and following the prompts. You will note there is space for comments on the form. Completed survey forms need to be received by Council by **5.00pm 9 October 2020**.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Randal Beal
Director of Operations

Opinion Survey on the Co-funding of the Hokitika Resilience Project

Please return this page in the envelope provided, complete the form online at www.wcrc.govt.nz by following the prompts, or email your responses to hokitikafeedback@wcr.govt.nz

«Name»

«RID ID», «Class A»

«Address 1», «Address 2», «Address 3»,

Options	Yes or No
I support meeting the required co-funding requirements of the proposal	
I understand that by voting NO I am stating that I DO NOT want the project to proceed	
I agree with the proposed term of the loan	
I agree with the proposed governance structure	
I agree with the proposed boundary of the Rating District	

Please feel free to include any additional comments below:

Signature _____

Name _____

(Please Print Clearly)

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Dear Sir/Madam

Franz Josef and Lower Waiho – Crown Infrastructure Co-funding

During the COVID-19 lockdown Central Government announced an economic stimulus package which included funding for resilience projects that were “shovel ready”. Council submitted for a total of \$45.1 million (M) funding to the Crown Infrastructure Projects fund, which included a \$24M project for the Franz Josef community.

Outcomes of funding applications

A total of \$18M has been made available from Central Government provided that \$6M of co-funding can be secured.

The proposed breakdown of the \$6M co-funding is:

- \$3.6M is proposed to be funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)
- \$1.9 M is proposed to be funded via a Rating District
- \$250,000 is proposed to be funded by the West Coast Regional Council
- \$250,000 is proposed to be funded by Westland District Council

Note: If the required co-funding is not secured then the project will not proceed. Every \$1 invested by the Rating District attracts \$9.50 from Central Government (up to \$18M).

How can I find out more?

Information Drop-in Sessions

More detailed information on the project and Rating District changes will be able to be viewed and discussed at a “drop in” session. These sessions will be held the Franz Josef Medical Centre on 6 October between 10.30am and 6.00pm. Councillors and staff from both the Westland District Council and the West Coast Regional Council will be available for one on one discussion. NZTA staff will also be present.

Proposed boundary changes

To ensure that the required co-funding is shared by all benefitting parties it is proposed to merge the two existing rating districts as well as having the current boundaries extended (see attached map for proposed Rating District). The proposed boundary extension includes the old Canavan Knob Rating District as well as an extension of the northern boundary to Lake Mapourika.

Financial Impacts

The current Franz Josef Rating District has a credit balance of \$365,000 as at 30/06/2020. It is proposed that this be repaid to the existing members @ \$379.00 plus GST per \$100,000 of Capital Value. The Rating District also has rock assets of 5,300T that is in addition to the cash credit balance. This is valued at \$246,450 plus GST. It is proposed that this rock be sold to the project with the funds from the sale distributed to the current members at @ \$220.00 plus GST per \$100,000 of Capital Value.

The current Lower Waiho Rating District has a loan of \$450,000 inclusive of the existing loan, recent Rata Knoll upgrade and the shortfall of Milton and Other stop bank re-build. It is proposed that this debt is "ring fenced" against the current members on a 20 year loan at a cost of \$160.37 per \$100,000 of Capital Value.

The new Rating District co-funding of \$1.9M is proposed to be a cost of \$64.00 per \$100,000 of Capital Value based on a 20 year loan @1.5% interest rate. The final interest rate will that prevailing at the time of borrowing.

Maintenance

It is proposed that NZTA and the new Rating District contribute \$100,000 each year to a maintenance budget that will be reviewed annually by the Joint Committee. The prudent reserve for the Rating District will also be reviewed annually by the Joint Committee.

The proposed maintenance rate has a financial impact of \$58.00 plus GST per \$100,000 of Capital Value.

Governance structure

It is proposed that the new Rating District establishes a Joint Committee to make future recommendations to Council. The Joint Committee would be comprised of:

- Westland District Council Mayor
- Westland District Councillors – Southern Ward (2)
- West Coast Regional Council Chair
- West Coast Regional Councillors - Westland Constituency (2)
- NZTA (1)
- Department of Conservation (1)
- Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio (1)

How can I provide feedback?

It is important that Council hears from you in relation to the proposed works and required co-funding. The returned survey forms will be collated and presented to Council to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the changes to the Rating District to secure the co-funding and undertake the project.

The feedback form seeks your response to the following questions:

- Do you agree with meeting the co-funding requirements of the project?
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- Do you agree with the proposed boundary for the Rating District?

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If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Randal Beal
Director of Operations

Opinion Survey on the Co-funding of the Resilience Project for Franz Josef

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«Name»

«RID ID», «Class A»

«Address 1», «Address 2», «Address 3»,

Options	Yes or No
I support meeting the required co-funding requirements of the proposal	
I understand that by voting NO I am stating that I DO NOT want the project to proceed.	
I agree with the proposed term of the loan	
I agree with the proposed governance structure for the new Rating District	
I agree with the proposed boundary of the new Rating District	

Please feel free to include any additional comments below:

Signature _____

Name _____

(Please Print Clearly)

Note: All responses must be received by the West Coast Regional Council by **5.00pm 14 October 2020**. Responses can be returned in the enclosed, postage paid envelope, emailed to franzfeedback@wrc.govt.nz or completed online at www.wcrc.govt.nz by following the prompts.

From: [Diane Maitland](#)

Mail received time: Tue, 3 Aug 2021 08:43:18

Sent: Mon, 2 Aug 2021 20:43:17

To: [Simon Bastion](#)

Subject: Emailing: Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution - Appendix 1, Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments: Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution - Appendix 1.pdf; Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution.docx;

Archived: Thursday, 26 August 2021 11:29:26 AM

Hi Simon, extract from the October CM:

* Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution

The Chief Executive spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to assist the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) by co-funding to the value of \$250,000 plus GST towards the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.

Councillors discussed their thoughts and concerns around the project, the areas of discussion were the cost to the ratepayers, how the contribution would be rated, the design concept of the Hokitika Seawall and the resource consent process.

Cr Keogan left the Chambers at 2.35pm and returned at 2.57pm.

Moved His Worship the Mayor, seconded Cr Devine that:

- A) Council receive the report.
 - B) Council approves that the Council approve an unbudgeted expenditure of \$250,000 plus GST towards the Hokitika and Kaniere flood protection infrastructure enhancements.
 - C) WDC includes in its submission a proposal to increasing the rating district to bring in other areas that benefit from the protection infrastructure enhancement work.
 - D) The funding contribution is subject to the recommendation of Westland District Council's proposal to increase the rating district as per the Chief Executive's Plan provided to the West Coast Regional Council.
- The motion was put to the meeting and was lost.

An amendment to the above motion was then put to the meeting as follows:

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Deputy Mayor Carruthers and Resolved by way of amendment that:

- A) Council receive the report.
 - B) Council approves an unbudgeted expenditure of \$250,000 plus GST towards the Hokitika and Kaniere flood protection infrastructure enhancements.
 - C) WDC includes in its submission a proposal to increasing the rating district to bring in other areas that benefit from the protection infrastructure enhancement work.
 - D) The funding contribution is subject to the recommendation of Westland District Council's proposal to increase the rating district as per the Chief Executive's Plan provided to the West Coast Regional Council.
 - E) The funding contribution of \$250,000 plus GST will be withheld until the resource consent is obtained.
- The amendment was put to the meeting and was carried.
The amendment became the substantive motion, was put to the meeting and carried.

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From: [Bruce Smith](#)

Mail received time: Tue, 15 Sep 2020 09:58:09

Sent: Mon, 14 Sep 2020 21:58:09

To: [WDC Councillors](#)

Cc: [Simon Bastion](#); [Randal Beal](#)

Subject: FW: Consultation documents for Franz and Hokitika-CONFIDENTIAL COUNCILLORS PLEASE

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

[Hokitika RD cover letter 2020.docx](#); [Opinion Survey Hokitika.doc](#); [Franz Josef RD cover letter 2020.docx](#); [Opinion Survey Franz Josef.doc](#);

Bruce Smith | Mayor
Westland District Council

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LTP 2018-28 Amendment
Westland Discovery Centre
Pakiwaitara Consultation

8am, Tuesday 25 August until
5pm, Thursday 24 September 2020

LTP 2018-28 Amendment
Hearing, Deliberation &
Decision

9am, Monday 28 September 2020

From: Randal Beal <rb@wrc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 15 September 2020 9:27 AM

To: Simon Bastion <simon_bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Cc: Nichola Costley <nc@wrc.govt.nz>

Subject: Consultation documents for Franz and Hokitika-CONFIDENTIAL.

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Hi,

Please find attached the consultation documents for the Franz Josef and Hokitika/Kaniere consultation. Can I please ask that these are shared with your Councillors in confidence until they are released to the media on Thursday this week.

I'm happy to do a Councilor briefing if there is anything they want covered off in greater detail.

Cheers
Randal



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From: [Simon Bastion](#)
Mail received time: Tue, 3 Aug 2021 07:17:41
Sent: Mon, 2 Aug 2021 19:17:40
To: [WDC LGOIMA Requests](#)
Subject: Fwd: ce-Mark Mellso-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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From: Mark Mellso-Melssen <mmellso-melssen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 6:59:19 AM
To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: ce-Mark Mellso-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project

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Good Morning Simon

Under the provisions of the LGOIA I would like to request all WDC internal and external correspondence pertaining to the funding arrangements for the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience project.

Specifically but not exclusively

- All communications between yourself and/or the Mayor of Westland and staff and/or Councillors at the West Coast Regional Council pertaining to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.
- All internal communications between yourself and the Mayor of Westland pertaining to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.
- Any communications between yourself and/or the Mayor of Westland and staff at the Ministry of BIE or PDU pertaining to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.

BACKGROUND

At the October 22nd 2020 Council Meeting you presented a report titled:-

HOKITIKA AND KANIERE RESILIENCE PROJECT - WDC CONTRIBUTION

You stated in this report-

1.2 "The total cost of the infrastructure works is \$7M which requires \$3.2M of co-funding to be secured."

And

2.2 "... co-funding of \$3.2 million is required to secure this \$3.8 million. "

Clearly there was a source for this funding information and I am making this request specifically to discover your originating documents.

My understanding is there is a one month limit to respond to this request.

Can you please provide an acknowledgement of receipt for this request and confirm or clarify my understanding of response time.

Kind Regards
Mark

Mark Mellsop-Melssen
mmellsopmelssen@gmail.com

On 26/04/2021, at 9:19 AM, Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Mark – correct other than the commit for the \$250K

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From: Mark Mellsop-Melssen <mmellsopmelssen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 26 April 2021 9:05 am
To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Cc: Don Neale <redmokit@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: ce-Mark Mellsop-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project

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Thankyou Simon

I am taking from context that WDC had no involvement in this application, other than to approve the 250k co-funding?

Could you please confirm that is the case.

On that basis I will continue to enquire with Randal Beale for an explanation of the discrepancy.

Thanks for your help and I hope you understand why we are pursuing this matter somewhat relentlessly.

Regards

Mark

Mark Mellsop-Melssen
mmellsopmelssen@gmail.com

On 26/04/2021, at 8:48 AM, Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz> wrote:

<Hokitika RD cover letter 2020.docx>

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From: [Diane Maitland](#)

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Sent: Mon, 19 Oct 2020 04:15:05

To: hokitikafeedback@wrc.govt.nz

Cc: [Randal Beal](#); [Simon Bastion](#)

Subject: Opinion Survey on co-funding of Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

[19.10.20 - Opinion Survey - Cofunding of Hokitika Kaniere Resilience Project.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the completed Opinion Survey on the co-funding of the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project forms.

Regards

Diane Maitland | Executive Assistant
Westland District Council

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Westland District Council Speed Limit Register Consultation

SUBMISSIONS OPEN:
8AM TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020
(NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE:
5PM FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2020

HEARING, DELIBERATION AND DECISIONS:
9AM MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020

Opinion Survey on the Co-funding of the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project

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Hokitika 7842

Options	Yes or No
I support meeting the required co-funding requirements of the proposal <i>I understand that by voting NO I am stating that I DO NOT want the project to proceed</i>	Yes
I agree with the proposed term of the loan	Yes
I agree with the proposed governance structure	Yes
I agree with the proposed boundary of the Rating District	No

Please feel free to include any additional comments below:

Include additional rateable properties as discussed with WDC.

Subject to WDC funding resolution on the 22 Oct 2020.

Signature 

Name Simon Baston
(Please Print Clearly)

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Signature



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From: [Simon Bastion](#)
Mail received time: Mon, 26 Apr 2021 08:48:53
Sent: Sun, 25 Apr 2021 20:48:53
To: [Mark Mellsop-Melssen](#)
Subject: RE: ce-Mark Mellsop-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Attachments:
[Hokitika RD cover letter 2020.docx](#);

Hi mark,

Attached is what the WCRC has consulted with. Hope that helps

regards

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Sent: Saturday, 24 April 2021 4:40 pm
To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: ce-Mark Mellsop-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project

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Hi Simon

The Government had agreed to contribute 3.8 million to the project on the basis that there was local funding of 1.9 million.

However the consultation for the rating group and the resolutions by Councils for 250k each were on the basis that the local funding requirement was 3.2 million.

2.7 million from the rating group and 250k from each Council.

This was quite clear in the documents and residents and Councillors were made aware that if they didn't approve the amounts the Government funding would be lost.

It may be that the project managers may have wanted 3.2 million from local sources, but to put this across as a requirement by central government would in my opinion be outside the bounds of reasonableness.

On the face of the facts in front of me it would appear there could have been a significant inaccuracy in the consultation and resolution documents which would have material consequences.

There may be a simple explanation however and this is why I am making this enquiry to you as the source documents are no doubt in your offices.

Look forward to clearing this up.

Kind regards

Mark

Mark Mellsop-Melssen
mmellsopmelssen@gmail.com

On 23/04/2021, at 1:24 PM, Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz> wrote:

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Sent: Thursday, 22 April 2021 1:12 pm

To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: cc Mark Mellsop-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project

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Could you please elucidate this discrepancy for us.

Kind Regards

Mark

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On 30/03/2021, at 8:37 AM, Diane Maitland <diane.maitland@westlanddc.govt.nz> wrote:

Good morning Mark, please find attached an acknowledgement letter regarding the Hokitika Seawall Project.

Kind Regards

Diane

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Sent: Tue, 3 Aug 2021 06:59:19
To: [Simon Bastion](#)
Subject: Re: ce-Mark Mellsop-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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Good Morning Simon

Under the provisions of the LGOIA I would like to request all WDC internal and external correspondence pertaining to the funding arrangements for the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience project.

Specifically but not exclusively

-All communications between yourself and/or the Mayor of Westland and staff and/or Councillors at the West Coast Regional Council pertaining to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.

-All internal communications between yourself and the Mayor of Westland pertaining to the Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project.

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BACKGROUND

At the October 22nd 2020 Council Meeting you presented a report titled:-

HOKITIKA AND KANIERE RESILIENCE PROJECT - WDC CONTRIBUTION

You stated in this report-

1.2 "The total cost of the infrastructure works is \$7M which requires \$3.2M of co-funding to be secured."

And

2.2 "... co-funding of \$3.2 million is required to secure this \$3.8 million. "

Clearly there was a source for this funding information and I am making this request specifically to discover your originating documents.

My understanding is there is a one month limit to respond to this request.

Can you please provide an acknowledgement of receipt for this request and confirm or clarify my understanding of response time.

Kind Regards
Mark

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Hi Mark – correct other than the commit for the \$250K

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Sent: Monday, 26 April 2021 9:05 am
To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Cc: Don Neale <redmoki1@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: ce-Mark Mellsop-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project

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Thankyou Simon

I am taking from context that WDC had no involvement in this application, other than to approve the 250k co-funding?

Could you please confirm that is the case.

On that basis I will continue to enquire with Randal Beale for an explanation of the discrepancy.

Thanks for your help and I hope you understand why we are pursuing this matter somewhat relentlessly.

Regards

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Sent: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 02:10:19

To: [Simon Bastion](#)

Subject: RE: ce-Mark Mellso-Melssen - Hokitika Seawall Project

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Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

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Hi Simon,

Please find attached the consultation cover letter that shows the breakdown. \$250,000 from each Council, \$2.7M from the rating district and \$3.2M from IRG.

Cheers

Randal



Randal Beal

Director of Operations

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Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:25 PM

To: Mark Mellso-Melssen <mmellso-melssen@gmail.com>

Cc: Randal Beal <rb@wrc.govt.nz>

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11 September 2020

Reference: Hokitika and Kaniere Rating District

Dear Sir/Madam

Hokitika and Kaniere – Crown Infrastructure Co-funding

During the COVID-19 lockdown Central Government announced an economy stimulus package which included funding for resilience projects that were “shovel ready”. Council submitted for a total of \$45.1 million (M) funding to the Crown Infrastructure Projects fund for projects across the West Coast, which included a \$7M project for the Hokitika and Kaniere communities.

Project description

The proposed project is the extension of the sea wall to Richards Drive and the construction of a river flood protection scheme to provide far greater resilience and protection between Kaniere and Sunset point from a 1:100 year flood event.

Outcomes of funding applications

Up to \$3.8M of funding has been made available for the Hokitika and Kaniere resilience project. However, co-funding of \$3.2M is required in order to secure this \$3.8M. The \$3.2M is proposed to be funded via a merged, and extended, Rating District encompassing the current Hokitika and Kaniere Rating Districts.

Note: If the required co-funding is not secured for the resilience project then the project will not proceed.

The proposed breakdown of the \$3.2M co-funding is:

- \$2.7M is proposed to be funded via a merged and extended Rating District
- \$250,000 is proposed to be funded by WCRC
- \$250,000 is proposed to be funded by WDC

Council is working hard to secure additional co-funding which will reduce the amount sought from the Rating District but is unable to confirm how much, or when that additional co-funding will be secured.

How can I find out more?

Information Drop-in Sessions

More detailed information on this project will be able to be viewed and discussed at a “drop in” session. These sessions will be held at the Wests Rugby clubrooms on 50 Brittan Street, Hokitika on 29 September between 10.00am and 6.00pm, and on 30 September between 9.00am and 2.00pm. Councillors and staff from both the Westland District Council and West Coast Regional Council will be available for one on one discussion.

Proposed boundary and differential changes

To ensure that the required co-funding is shared by all benefitting parties it is proposed to merge the two existing rating districts as well as having the current boundaries extended. The new Rating District would have one differential meaning that each rateable property would pay the same amount per \$100,000 of capital value.

Financial Impacts

Over the last 12 months Council has undertaken short term protection works to reduce damage from coastal erosion at the northern end of the existing wall. It is intended that this will contribute to the required co-funding.

The Hokitika and Kaniere Rating Districts have existing loans from previous protection works. It is proposed that the existing debt is re-financed to include the co-funding component. This will result in a loan of \$4.3M comprised of:

- Total existing debt \$1,600,000
- Co-funding required \$2,700,000

New Rating District Loan (including Co-funding) of \$4.3M is an annual cost of \$45/100,000 Capital Value based on a 25 year loan @1.5% interest rate. The final interest rate will be that prevailing at the time of borrowing. The new rating will not begin until the 2021/22 financial year.

Maintenance

A maintenance rate is also required to ensure that funds are available to undertake any necessary repairs to the assets. It is proposed the maintenance required per year is \$50,000 plus GST. The proposed maintenance rate has a financial impact of \$10.81 plus GST per \$100,000 of Capital Value. The maintenance rate is reviewed annually by the Joint Committee.

Governance structure

It is proposed that the merged rating district establishes a Joint Committee to make future recommendations to Council. The Joint Committee would be comprised of:

- Westland District Council Mayor
- Westland District Councillors (2)
- West Coast Regional Council Chair
- West Coast Regional Councillors Westland Constituency (2)

How can I provide feedback?

It is important that Council hears from you in relation to the proposed works and required co-funding. The returned survey forms will be collated and presented to Council to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the changes to the Rating District to secure the co-funding and undertake the project.

The feedback form seeks your response to the following questions:

- Do you agree with meeting the co-funding requirements of the project?
- Do you agree with the proposed term of the loan?
- Do you agree with the proposed governance structure?
- Do you agree with the proposed boundary for the Rating District?

You can either post your survey forms in the stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed back to Council, email them directly to Council at hokitikafeedback@wrc.govt.nz or complete the online submission form by going to our website www.wrc.govt.nz and following the prompts. You will note there is space for comments on the form. Completed survey forms need to be received by Council by **5.00pm 9 October 2020**.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Randal Beal
Director of Operations

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From: [Lesley Crichton](#)

Mail received time: Thu, 15 Oct 2020 08:04:25

Sent: Wed, 14 Oct 2020 19:04:25

To: [Emma Rae](#); [Simon Bastion](#); [WDC Executive Team](#)

Subject: RE: Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

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Hi all

I have reviewed and added some comments also.

Kind regards

Lesley

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From: Emma Rae <emma.rae@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 14 October 2020 6:59 pm

To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; WDC Executive Team <wdc_ExecutiveTeam@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution

Hi Simon,

My comments and amendments.

Kind regards,
Emma

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From: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 13 October 2020 9:55 am

To: WDC Executive Team <wdc_ExecutiveTeam@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Emma Rae <emma.rae@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: Report to Council - Hokitika and Kaniere Resilience Project - WDC Contribution

Good morning team – can I ask that you please review the second report of WCRC protection works – this time for Hokitika & Kaniere

Cheers
Simon

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Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

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Sent: Tue, 27 Apr 2021 02:56:29

To: [Mark Mellsop-Melssen](#)

Cc: [Don Neale](#); [Jane Neale](#); [Simon Bastion](#); [Benjamin Sturgess](#); [Toni Sims](#)

Subject: RE: Seawall

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

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Thanks Mark,

Can you please confirm if you are offering an alternative seawall design or an alternative to a seawall?

I have attached the consultation mail out for you, there's been no change to the make-up of the funding that I am aware of.

We are happy to meet with you and Don anytime, I note in your email that there is "no common ground" with the proposal that Council consulted on however that doesn't preclude us from working cooperatively and positively together.

I will confirm your understanding on how the Government funding can be used with PDU.

Cheers

Randal



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Cc: Don Neale <redmcki1@gmail.com>; Jane Neale <cr.neale@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Benjamin Sturgess <bensturgess@hotmail.com>; Toni Sims <toni.sims@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Seawall

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Hi Randal

Thankyou for the Beca report which we have now digested and sought advice on.

Could you please also reply to my email of 17th March regarding the co-funding requirement. We are placing a lot of weight on an explanation for the discrepancies mentioned in that email.

We would be keen to meet in order to discuss alternatives to the seawall you are proposing. We have no common ground as regards your current proposal and the Beca report has only confirmed our position on this.

I would like to lay out our concerns so that you can understand the reasons for our position.

1/ Councils have been advised several times, over the decades, by their own consultants, to prepare a long term coastal hazard management plan for the Hokitika beach and rivermouth. This has not been acted on and we consider this is essential before any more public money is committed to coastal protection work.

2/ In recent years both Councils have built ad hoc seawalls from sunset point to just short of Tudor Street.

3/ None of these walls have been consented when built.

4/ Given that none of the walls are anywhere near private buildings or public infrastructure the use of 'emergency' provisions of the RMA has been unjustified, despite that being used as a reason to avoid timely consenting.

5/ it is our opinion that the lack of a long term plan or proper publicly notified consenting has led to the situation where we now have a sequence of poorly built and aligned seawalls, that are interfering with the natural dune building capacity of the Coast and have created an unnecessary impediment to public access and safety.

6/ it is clear that all the existing and proposed walls would be undermined by beach downcutting events of a scale that have been witnessed in the past. They are simply positioned too far from what they are supposed to protect to have any utility should these events repeat. We advise that we have seen the 2013 wall close to being undermined several times in only its first 7 years since construction, with the base geomat being exposed.

7/None of the past seawalls, nor the current proposal, are compliant with Government advisories and policies around coastal protection or climate change adaptation.

8/ In our opinion the process followed to set up a rating district to rate the local confunding has not been adequate. This surely must be repeated as the first step moving forward.

We do hope to be able to work cooperatively with Council to get a good outcome. Our understanding is that the government funding and local co-funding can be used for alternative proposals with better utility.

Please let us know if you wish to meet to discuss alternative possibilities. As you may know our group is supported by a recognised coastal expert (Don) and a civil engineer with coastal protection experience.

Kind Regards

Mark

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