

9 March 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-08

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2023 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

"...regarding Millennium Park?"

- *Was the redevelopment of the park designed to benefit a private business?.*
- *How much did that redevelopment cost?*
- *How much is the annual maintenance cost of this park?*
- *Does a private business lease the park? If so, how long is the lease? and what was the process followed to determine who is awarded the lease?*
- *What is the life expectancy of this redeployment?*
- *Does the lease cover the cost of maintenance required to keep the park up to standard?"*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

My response to your request is provide in the order below.

Was the redevelopment of the park designed to benefit a private business?

No, the development of the park was not designed to benefit a private business. The park was upgraded as a 1999 millennium project supported by CDC.

Historically, on site was a building that was destroyed by fire. Council purchased the land and created the Reserve. After the park was developed a neighbouring property arranged for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to utilise a small section of the reserve. Given that this is a historical event, the council does not have a paper trail of this agreement.

How much did that redevelopment cost

We have a general maintenance cost for all reserves. The maintenance cost is not broken down into individual reserves. Therefore, we are unable to disclose annual maintenance costs for this specific park.

I am refusing the disclosure of the annual maintenance costs for the specific park of your request under section 17(e) of the Act, as the disclosure of the annual maintenance costs for the specific park does not exist because the maintenance cost is not broken down into individual reserves

Does a private business lease the park? If so, how long is the lease? and what was the process followed to determine who is awarded the lease?

No, the private business does not lease the park. There is a longstanding MOU to occupy 86sq (the deck). This is not a lease; it is a longstanding MOU which is renewed every three years.

What is the life expectancy of this redeployment?

We have no plans to upgrade this park in the near future

Does the lease cover the cost of maintenance required to keep the park up to standard?

No, it does not cover the cost of maintenance.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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