

27 May 2022

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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 2122-254**

I refer to your information request we received on 4 May 2022 for the following:

***I request the following information for the 2020/21 Financial Year:***

**1. Average residential rates**

**a. The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average residential costs =  $(X + Y) / Z$ . Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:**

- ***X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units;***
- ***Y is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc.); and***
- ***Z is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban).***

***Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).***

Average residential rates \$3,029.09

- X = \$57,393,643.46 including GST
- Y = \$ 8,380,114.60 including GST includes Council's fixed and volumetric water rates and Water Conservation Device rates
- Z = 21,714 residential rating units

**2. Average non-residential rates**

**a. The average non-residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average non-residential costs =  $(X + Y) / Z$ . Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:**

- ***X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential\*;***
- ***Y is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential\* (for example, charges related to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and***
- ***Z is the number of rating units except those defined as residential\* (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial).***

***Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags).***

***\*Please ensure that this definition matches that used to calculate average residential rates so that the respective X values of both requests add up to total rates income for the 2020/2021 Financial Year.***

Average non-residential rates \$3,375.84

- X = \$14,517,603.14 including GST
- Y = \$1,912,602.30 including GST includes Council's fixed and volumetric water rates and Water Conservation Device rates
- Z = 4,867 non-residential rating units

### **3 Personnel**

- a. *The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance.***

No employees were dismissed due to poor performance for the 2020/21 financial year.

- b. *If applicable, the FTE number of staff employed by council-controlled organisations.***

N/A

- c. *The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000.***

For the financial year ending 30 June 2021, the number of staff receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000 is 81.

- d. *The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000.***

For the financial year ending 30 June 2021, the number of staff receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000 is 7.

### **Audit and Risk Oversight**

- a. *How many members are on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)?***

Six Elected Members and two independent members for Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

**b. Does the Council have independent members on the Committee?**

Two independent members sit on Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

**c. Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member?**

Yes, the current Chair is an independent member.

**d. Does the Council have a lawyer (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?**

No. However, Council staff with the relevant expertise support the Audit and Risk committee.

**e. Does the Council have an accountant (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?**

No. However, Council staff with the relevant expertise support the Audit and Risk committee.

**f. Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff?**

Yes, Council's code of conduct requires political neutrality of its staff.

**4 Payments to third parties**

**a. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to any Chamber of Commerce, including GST.**

The total payment made to Chamber of Commerce is \$2,190 (incl. GST) for 2020/21.

**b. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), including GST.**

The total payment made to LGNZ is \$57,927 (incl. GST) for 2020/21.

**c. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to the New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM), including GST.**

The total payment made to the SOLGM is \$53,087 (incl. GST) for 2020/21.

Yours sincerely



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