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NZ Taxpayers' Union

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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7531925

I refer to your information request we received on 16 September 2020 for the following:

I request the following information for the 2018/2019 Financial Year:

1. Audit and Risk Oversight

- a. *The number of members on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent).***

Six.

- b. *The number of elected officials on the Committee.***

Four.

- c. *The number of independent members on the Committee.***

Two.

- d. *The number of lawyers (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee.***

None.

- e. *The number of chartered accountants (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee.***

None.

- f. *Whether the chair of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee is an independent member.***

The Chair is an independent member.

- g. *Whether the Council has an election year protocol requiring Council Staff to act in a politically neutral or impartial manner.***

Yes, staff are required to act in a politically neutral and impartial manner.

- h. Whether the Council has a code of conduct (above and beyond an election year protocol) requiring Council staff to act in a politically neutral or impartial manner.**

Yes, staff are required to act in a politically neutral and impartial manner.

2. Payments to third parties (including GST)

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

\$3,747.50

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

\$66,514.64

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

\$43,725.44

3. Average non-residential costs:

- 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, Z) are disclosed in the response, where:**

Average non-residential costs \$3,798.95 including GST

- **X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential*;**

X = \$13,460,315 including GST

- **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**

Y = \$1,929,217 including GST. This includes Council's fixed and variable water rates and water conservation device loans.

- **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).**

Z = 4,051

Yours sincerely



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