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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7652865 (OIR 2021-116).

I refer to your information request we received on 23 October 2020 for the following:

Please supply the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA):

1. What is the address of the Council's main office building?

175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu.

2. Is the Council the sole occupant of the building or does it share this tenancy?

Council is the sole occupant.

3. How many Council occupants on average use the building during a working day?

Estimated as anywhere from 100 to 165 Council occupants per day.

4. What is the floor area (m²) of the occupied space (entire building if sole occupant, or tenanted space)?

The approximate floor area of the occupied space is 2,215m².

5. During COVID-19 Level 3 and 4 restrictions (from 26th March to 13th May 2020) how many business days was the Council's main office building closed?

The entire period of 46 days accounting for weekends, Easter and Anzac Day the building was closed.

6. Following the end of Alert Level 3 (on 26th May 2020), when did Council's occupancy of the main office building return to normal levels (more than 50%)

No actual physical date can be confirmed as staff were encouraged to continue working remotely as an acceptable ongoing alternative after 26 May 2020.

7. Does the Council' main office building or tenancy currently hold a formal NABERSNZ rating and/or Green Star Performance certification?

Our understanding is that the Civic building did hold a formal NABERSNZ rating when it was first opened in 2013. We understand that this was renewed through several subsequent rating cycles. However the staff that oversaw that relationship and process have long since left the Council. It is not clear what the current status of that rating is.

Our Sustainability and Resilience Adviser, Terry Creighton, sent an email to the NZGBC earlier this year to enquire about the status of that rating but has received no response. He has not had the time, as yet, to follow that up.

8. During the next 12 months does the Council intend to assess and certify the sustainability performance of its main office building or tenancy using the NABERSNZ and/or Green Star Performance certification too?

Council is open to discussing the current status of our NABERSNZ rating with the NZGBC. If it needs to be renewed, we are open to that. If you could provide a contact email address, we will follow that up with the appropriate person at NZGBC.

9. How much grid supplied electricity (kWh) did your main Council Office building/tenancy consume in the previous financial year (from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020)?

We do not yet have audited electricity consumption data for the 2019/20 financial year. However, the unaudited data reports that our electricity consumption for the 2019/20 year was 272,000 kWh. This was significantly below the previous year's consumption of around 312,000 kWh - chiefly attributable to the impact of Covid-19, with the building being closed for the last part of March and all of April and May.

10. How much gas (kWh or MJ) if any, did your main Council Office building/ tenancy consume in the previous financial year (from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020)?

We do not have any gas supply to our main Civic building.

11. How much Diesel (litres) for non-backup purposes if any, did your main Council Office building/tenancy consume in the previous financial year (from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020)?

There is no backup generator for the main Council Office building.

12. How much Coal (Kg) if any, did your main Council Office building/tenancy consume in the previous financial year (from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020)?

None.

13. Is there any renewable energy produced onsite servicing the main Council Office building/ tenancy? If so, how much energy has been provided by the renewable energy?

No there isn't any renewable energy produced on site.

14. What, if any, plans does the Council have to improve the energy efficiency of its main office building, as well as any wider property assets?

Our understanding is that the Civic building has not had an energy efficiency review for many years. We plan to undertake a review as soon as a suitable contractor can be secured to undertake that work. Hopefully that will be possible in this 2020/21 year.

15. If gas, diesel, or coal is used, what plans does the Council have to replace them with renewable sources?

We use no gas or coal. Diesel is only used for our emergency back-up generator, in the event of an electricity supply failure. We are not aware of a cost-comparable alternative back-up generation option at this stage and so have no plans as yet to move away from our current emergency diesel generator.

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Te Kaihautū Ratonga Pakiaka