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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7637834 (2021-109)

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

As part of the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan the Council completed a rates review, would you please email to me:

1. The terms of reference for that rates review

The Council does not have a terms of reference document for the review as such. We undertook the review in accordance with the legal requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), the Local Government Rating Act 2002 and the Rating Valuations Act 1998. For instance, under the current LGA S101(3)(b), councils must consider the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the current and future social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the community.

2. Staff reports that showed the reason for undertaking a rates review

Please find below the following links in relation to the reason for the review:

- Rating system review supporting Information:
<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/31453/rates-review-supporting-document.pdf>
- Rates affordability study for the district:
<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/31455/rates-as-a-proportion-of-income-in-kapiti-combined-file.pdf>

In addition, you may find the following documents useful for further context:

- General information about our rating system:
<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/31454/current-rating-system-brochure.pdf>
- Economic prosperity for the district:
<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/27766/economic-prosperity-in-kapiti-combined-file.pdf>

3. The rates review consultation document

Please find the consultation document for the rates review via this link:

https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/31451/consultationdoc_pp_14-17-rates.pdf

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark de Haast', written in a cursive style.

Mark de Haast

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