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Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2023 requesting the following information:

I'm doing some research on the reasoning behind current levels of public interest in Local Council Elections. Can you please advise the total remuneration (salary, expenses, allowances et al) of all Elected Council Members for FY22? Just a total number will be great. I'm not interested in individual numbers.

Your question is answered below:

The remuneration received by Councillors and elected members is set out each year in the Annual Report. The last annual report sets out the remuneration received by elected members at page 137, which can be found on the Council website here: [Annual Report 2021/22](#). The remuneration of councillors and elected members set out in the annual report includes remuneration, broadband allowance, mobile phone allowances and community board allowance. The annual report figures are reported on our financial year cycle which is 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 and therefore will differ from your request for the total figure during Tax year from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The next Annual Report will be available on the Council website later this year.

Based on information collated which was available for the period you have requested, the total remuneration for elected members including salary, expenses and allowances for the 2022 Tax Year is \$783,390.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

Please note the following context when taking into account the total provided above:

- The information is not readily available in the format you have requested and has required manual compilation.
- The period of time requested covers the end of the previous triennium and the beginning of the current triennium.
- Claims for reimbursement of expenses/meeting fees may not yet have been received from all elected members for this financial year.
- The period of time you have requested information from (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023) is different to the reporting cycle for the Council financial year (1 July 2021 to 30 June) therefore this figure will differ from what is contained in the Annual Report.

Additional information on elected member remuneration:

To provide you with additional information on how elected members are remunerated, we also provide the following links to publicly available information:

- Remuneration for elected members is set by the Remuneration Authority. More information can be found via this link [Local government elected members remuneration | Remuneration Authority](#).
- The Local Government Members (2022/23) Amendment Determination 2023 sets out the remuneration for the Councillors elected in the October 2022 local government elections: [Local Government Members \(2022/23\) Amendment Determination 2023 \(SL 2023/19\) 4 Schedule 2 amended – New Zealand Legislation](#)
- Information regarding the Elected Member Remuneration Expenses and Allowances Policy 2022-25 can be found on the Council website [Elected Member Remuneration Expenses and Allowances Policy 2022–25](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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