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18 June 2026

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Tēnā korua [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email addressed to Councillor Koh of **5 June 2026** requesting a response to the following points and questions you have raised:

- 1. If in 2024 rent increased by %3.4 followed by %3.3 in 2025 and Superannuation in April 2026 for a couple increased by %2.91; how can a %2.91 increase meant to cover food, electricity and rent etc; allow a couple to pay the proposed increase from \$280 to \$317 which equates to a %6.6 percentage increase if accepted by Council?***

Rental increases haven't kept up with costs nor the Revenue Policy as set by Council. The rental increases have just been set for the next 12 months by Council as follows:

Individual = \$213 per week

Couple = \$317 per week.

- 2. Also, following the acceptance of the proposed increase in 2024 by council, Councillor Haliday pointed out to me that the %3.4 was obviously on top of the %30 which had been published both in the Review of Older Persons Housing Stage 2 Report dated December 2023 and in a Local Press supplement.***

Total rent paid is no more than 30% of household superannuation income, this is including the accommodation supplement.

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

3. ***This does seem strange to me even when the Government is proposing to increase state/ social housing from %25 to %30 of household income which pensioners are already at.***

The Council Housing portfolio is private housing rather than social housing, so does not qualify for the 25% model set for social housing.

4. ***The Council website shows justification that the reason for charging rent per person is due to larger accommodation being offered to couples, whereas this is not the case with accommodation in [REDACTED] Paraparaumu, whereas at least 6 single persons occupy similar sized units. Secondly the website also states that per person is due to the need for more maintenance [REDACTED].***
It would be nice if you could justify having a single and separate couples charge.

All Council units are 1 bed units, the rent charged for these units is based on the tenant's superannuation income, not on the size of the unit.

Ngā mihi,



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