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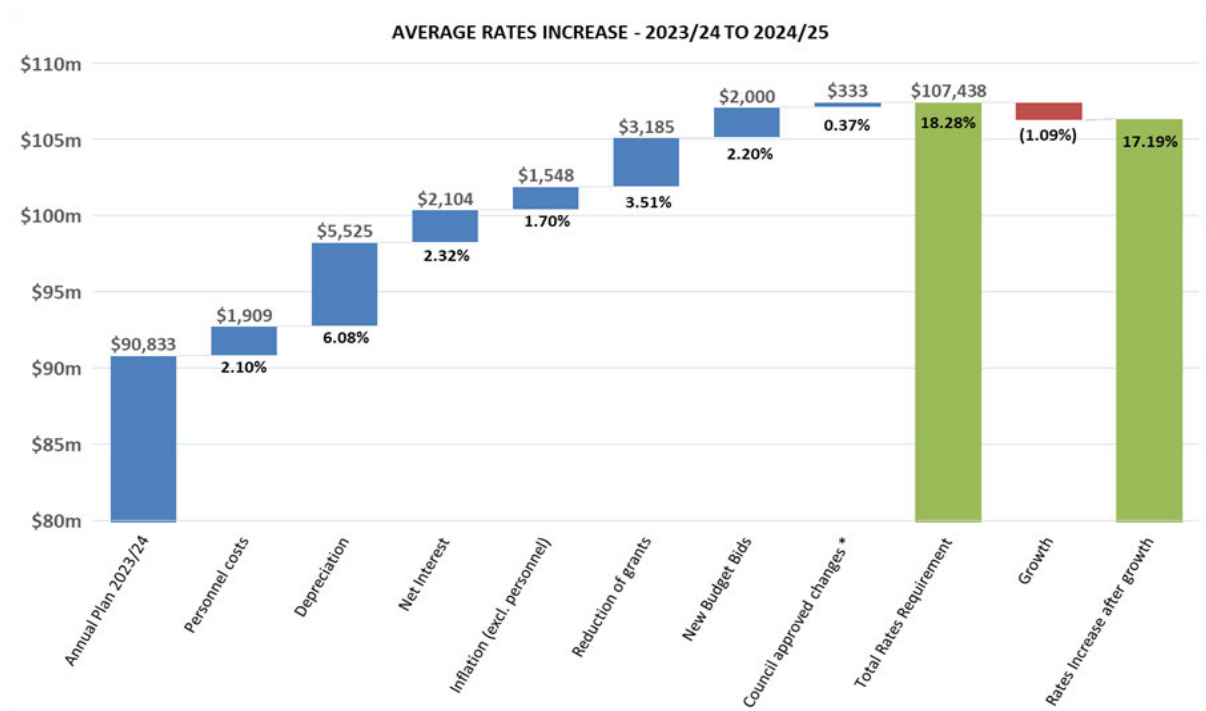
Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **15 September 2025** requesting the following information:

are getting a lot of questions regarding the makeup of the rates increases. I was wondering if there was an itemised list that you could send us (high-level) of what the rates increases are comprised of?

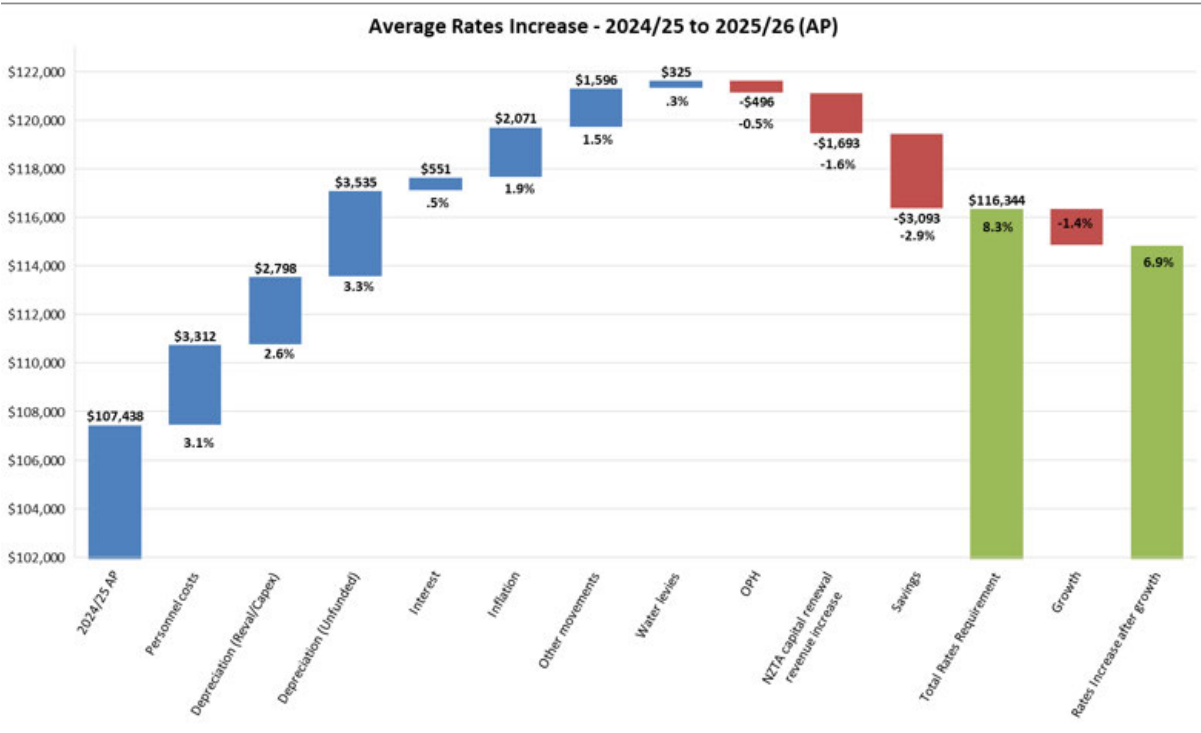
The charts below illustrate the main items making up the average rates increases for the last two years:

The chart below summarises key rates movements for the 2024/25 year:



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

The chart below summarises key rates movements for the 2025/26 year:



Across the two years, increases have mainly related to depreciation (\$11.8 million) interest (\$2.6 million), personnel costs (\$5.2 million) and inflation (\$3.6 million). 2024/25 included a reduction in government “Better Off” grant funding of \$3.1 million which had to be replaced with rates funding, while 2025/26 included a savings programme of \$3.1 million.

Ngā mihi,

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