

14/10/2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 16 September 2020 for information regarding the Ratepayers' Report.

The information you have requested is below.

**1. Audit and Risk Oversight :**

- a. The number of members on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent).

**10 elected members of Council's Finance and Performance Committee**

- b. The number of elected officials on the Committee.

**10 elected members of Council's Finance and Performance Committee**

- c. The number of independent members on the Committee.

**Nil**

- d. The number of lawyers (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee.

**Nil**

- e. The number of chartered accountants (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee.

**Nil**

- f. Whether the chair of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee is an independent member.

**The Chair of the Finance and Performance Committee is not an independent member**

- g. Whether the Council has an election year protocol requiring Council Staff to act in a politically neutral or impartial manner.

**Yes**

- h. Whether the Council has a code of conduct (above and beyond an election year protocol) requiring Council staff to act in a politically neutral or impartial manner.

**Yes**

**2. Payments to third parties :**

- a. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to any Chamber of Commerce.

**\$128,316.38**

- b. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

**\$89,470.91**

- c. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to the New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM).

**\$38,291.82**

**3. Average non-residential costs:**

- a. The average non-residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where **average non-residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**. Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, Z) are disclosed in the response, where:

**Refer to attachment**

- X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential\*;
- Y is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential\* (for example, charges related to

metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and

Z is the number of rating units except those defined as residential\* (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact myself on 027 635 4939.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Newth', written in a cursive style.

Darrin Newth

Financial Accounting Manager

Encl List documents enclosed



**Question 1 - 2018 2019**

Taxpayers Union Official Information Request		Hutt City Council		Hutt City Council Rates	
a) The average NON residential costs of Council charges for the 2018/2019 year calculated using:					
Average NON Residential costs = (X+Y)/Z					
X	Total of all NON Residential Rates				37,446,743
Y	Total of User Charges				3,619,324
Z	Total Number of NON residential properties			SUIPS Rating Units	4,086 3,245
	Average NON Residential Costs				10,050.43
b) Types of rates					
Charge Type	Start Date	Unit Charge Amount	Rate Category		
Metered Water	1/07/2018	2.18	HCC Metered Water per cubic		
HALLSW1	1/07/2018	468.50	HCC Wastewater rate		
HALLSW2	1/07/2018	234.25	HCC Wastewater rate 2		
HALLWTR	1/07/2018	413.00	HCC Water Supply Rate		
HBUAGEN	1/07/2018	0.0079748	HCC General Business Accommodation		
HBUCGEN	1/07/2018	0.0088403	HCC General Business Central		
HBUEGEN	1/07/2018	0.0084694	HCC General Business Eastbourne		
HBUQGEN	1/07/2018	0.0088403	HCC General Business Queensgate		
HBUSGEN	1/07/2018	0.0084694	HCC General Business Suburban		
CF1	1/07/2018	0.0030910	HCC General CF1		
CF2	1/07/2018	0.0015455	HCC General CF2		
CF3	1/07/2018	0.0073566	HCC General CF3		
RUR	1/07/2018	0.0022873	HCC General Rural		
UTN	1/07/2018	0.0022873	HCC General Utility		



**Question 2 - 2018 2019**

Taxpayers Union Official Information Request		Hutt City Council	Greater Wellington Regional Council
a) The average NON residential costs of REGIONAL Council charges for the 2017/2018 year calculated using:			
Average Residential costs = (X+Y)/Z			
X	Total of all NON Residential Rates		6,003,335
Y	Total of User Charges		-
Z	Total Number of NON residential properties	SUIPS	4,086
		Rating Units	3,245
	Average NON Residential Costs		1,469.25
b) Types of rates			
Charge Type	Start Date	Unit Charge Amount	Rate Category
GALLGEN	1/07/2018	0.0004330	GWRC General Rate
GALLRIV	1/07/2018	0.0002341	GWRC Rivers Management
GALPPR	1/07/2018	0.0099685	GWRC Possum Predator Control
GBUSEDA	1/07/2018	0.0001097	GWRC Wgtn Reg Start Business Rate
GBUSTRN	1/07/2018	0.0006620	GWRC Public Transport Rate
GRURED A	1/07/2018	32.20	GWRC Wgtn Reg Start Rural Rate
GRURTRN	1/07/2018	0.0006308	GWRC Rural Transport

**Question 3 - 2018 2019**

Total number of <u>rating units</u> within the Council's district or city (Rating Unit is defined by the existence of a CT (Record of Title))	HCC	Rating Units	40,708
(SUJP is defined as any part of a rating unit separately used or inhabited by the owner or any other persons who has the right to inhabit that part by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence or other agreement)	HCC	SUIPS	44,772
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