

26 March 2021

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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 8 March for information regarding 2021 Ratepayers' Report.

The information you have requested is enclosed. Please note some of these are attachments.

1 Average residential costs of rates are attached as Appendix 1.

2 Average non-residential rates are attached as Appendix 2.

3 Personnel

- a. The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance.
Answer: We are unable to report on this as this data is not captured.
- b. If applicable, the FTE number of staff employed by council-controlled organisations.
Answer: 11
- c. The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000.
Answer: 69
- d. The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000.
Answer: 6

4 Audit and Risk Oversight

- a. How many members are on the Council Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)?
Answer: Seven elected members and one independent member are appointed on Council's Audit and Risk Subcommittee.

b. Does the Council have independent members on the Committee?

Answer: Yes (see a. above).

c. Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member?

Answer: Yes

d. Does the Council have a lawyer (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?

Answer: No

e. Does the Council have an accountant (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?

Answer: Yes

f. Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff?

Answer: Yes

5 Payments to third parties

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

Answer: \$221,164.89

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

Answer: \$92,810.61 9 - including LGNZ Conference and LGNZ – Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

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

Answer: \$61,836.23

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.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Yours sincerely,

Hutt City Council

Appendix 1

Question 1 - 2019 2020

Taxpayers Union		Hutt City Council		Hutt City Council Rates
Official Information Request				
a) The average residential costs of Council charges for the 2019/2020 year calculated using:				
Average Residential costs = (X+Y)/Z				
X	Total of all Residential Rates			89,610,584
Y	Total of User Charges			1,538,040
Z	Total Number of residential properties	SUIPS		39,205
		Rating Units		36,377
	Average Residential Costs			2,324.92
b) Types of rates				
Charge Type	Start Date	Unit Charge Amount	Rate Category	
HALLSW1	1/07/2019	478.50	HCC Wastewater rate	
HALLSW2	1/07/2019	239.25	HCC Wastewater rate 2	
HALLWTR	1/07/2019	448.50	HCC Water Supply Rate	
HRESGEN	1/07/2019	0.0031713	HCC General Rate Residential	
HRESRCY	1/07/2019	40.00	HCC Recycling Rate	

Question 2 - 2019 2020

Taxpayers Union		Hutt City Council	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Official Information Request			
a) The average residential costs of REGIONAL Council charges for the 2019/2020 year calculated using:			
Average Residential costs = (X+Y)/Z			
X	Total of all Residential Rates		23,783,376
Y	Total of User Charges		-
Z	Total Number of residential properties	SUIPS	39,205
		Rating Units	36,377
	Average Residential Costs		606.64
b) Types of rates			
Charge Type	Start Date	Unit Charge Amount	Rate Category
GALLGEN	1/07/2019	0.0004744	GWRC General Rate
GALLRIV	1/07/2019	0.0002497	GWRC Rivers Management
GRESEDA	1/07/2019	16.10	GWRC WRS Residential Rate
GRESTRN	1/07/2019	0.0006176	GWRC Residential Transport

Question 3 - 2019 2020

Total number of rating units within the Council's district or city (Rating Unit is defined by the existence of a CT (Record of Title))	HCC	Rating Units	39,632
(SUIP 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	43,763
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Appendix 2

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Taxpayers Union		Hutt City Council		Hutt City Council Rates
Official Information Request				
a) The average NON residential costs of Council charges for the 2019/2020 year calculated using:				
Average NON Residential costs = (X+Y)/Z				
X	Total of all NON Residential Rates			36,993,186
Y	Total of User Charges			3,924,726
Z	Total Number of NON residential properties	SUIPS		4,558
		Rating Units		3,254
	Average NON Residential Costs			8,977.16
b) Types of rates				
Charge Type	Start Date	Unit Charge Amount	Rate Category	
Metered Water	1/07/2019	2.29	HCC Metered Water per cubic	
HALLSW1	1/07/2019	478.50	HCC Wastewater rate	
HALLSW2	1/07/2019	239.25	HCC Wastewater rate 2	
HALLWTR	1/07/2019	448.50	HCC Water Supply Rate	
HBUAGEN	1/07/2019	0.0079599	HCC General Business Accommodation	
HBUCGEN	1/07/2019	0.0086258	HCC General Business Central	
HBUEGEN	1/07/2019	0.0083404	HCC General Business Eastbourne	
HBUQGEN	1/07/2019	0.0086258	HCC General Business Queensgate	
HBUSGEN	1/07/2019	0.0083404	HCC General Business Suburban	
CF1	1/07/2019	0.0031713	HCC General CF1	
CF2	1/07/2019	0.0015856	HCC General CF2	
CF3	1/07/2019	0.0074842	HCC General CF3	
RUR	1/07/2019	0.0023785	HCC General Rural	
UTN	1/07/2019	0.0074842	HCC General Utility	

Question 2 - 2019 2020

Taxpayers Union	Hutt City Council	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Official Information Request		

a) The average NON residential costs of REGIONAL Council charges for the 2019/2020 year calculated using:

Average Residential costs = (X+Y)/Z

X	Total of all NON Residential Rates		6,201,119
Y	Total of User Charges		-
Z	Total Number of NON residential properties	SUIPS	4,558
		Rating Units	3,254
	Average NON Residential Costs		1,360.49

b) Types of rates

Charge Type	Start Date	Unit Charge Amount	Rate Category
GALLGEN	1/07/2019	0.0004744	GWRC General Rate
GALLRIV	1/07/2019	0.0002497	GWRC Rivers Management
GALPPR	1/07/2019	1.1016770	GWRC Possum Predator Control
GBUSEDA	1/07/2019	0.0001042	GWRC Wgtn Reg Start Business Rate
GBUSTRN	1/07/2019	0.0006818	GWRC Public Transport Rate
GRUREDA	1/07/2019	32.20	GWRC Wgtn Reg Start Rural Rate
GRURTRN	1/07/2019	0.0001566	GWRC Rural Transport

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