

14/01/2021



Dear

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

We refer to your official information request dated 24 November 2020 for information regarding Eastbourne rates and Swimming pool.

The information you have requested can be found in the enclosed spreadsheet.

1. All assessments and costings which Council used to justify delaying the opening of Eastbourne Swimming Pool by two weeks in the 2020/2021 season including the projected amount of savings.
 - Please see below estimated Operational costs and the attached 3 Year Outdoor pool figures

Operational costs - Wages and Power/Gas - with season length changes

Pool	Wages	Power and Gas (Estimate)
Wainuiomata Pool		
Lifeguards	\$23,892.54	\$ 17,000.00
Learn to Swim	\$ 5,320.00	
McKenzie Baths		
Lifeguards	\$37,607.36	\$ 15,000.00
Eastbourne Pool		
Lifeguards	\$14,567.04	\$ 5,000.00
Naenae Primary		
Lifeguards	\$ 4,187.70	
Totals	\$85,574.64	\$ 37,000.00

2. The total amount of rates projected to be collected from the Eastbourne Ward in the 2020/2021 year.
 - The total amount of rates assessed for all properties with “Eastbourne” listed as the suburb in the current year is \$5.067M.
 - This includes Greater Wellington Regional council rates and GST.

To provide some further context please note the following. As part of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic Council developed an emergency budget for 20/21, which included a range of operational savings to enable us to provide a lower rates increase for Hutt City residents in this challenging year. This included changes to the operating hours for libraries and pools.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us at informationmanagementteam@huttcity.govt.nz or call us on +64 4 570 6702.

Yours sincerely

Hutt City Council

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3 Year Outdoor Pool Figures.xlsx