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Our reference: LGOIMA

Dear Trevor

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

We refer to your official information request dated 26 May 2023 for the following:

1. What is the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties (which have not been paid and remain outstanding at the date of this letter) for the rating years from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, to 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.
2. Is the Hutt City Council predicting the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties for the 2022/2023 rating year to increase or decrease on the previous rating year?
3. Is the Hutt City Council predicting the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties for the 2023/2024 rating year to increase or decrease on the previous rating year?
4. How many rating units have arrears of rates and/or late payment penalties which have been outstanding for more than 12 months?
5. What are the Hutt City Council's policies and processes for the collection of any outstanding rates and late payment penalties?

With respect to questions 2 and 3 above, Hutt City Council does not perform analysis to predict arrears and late payment penalty levels compared to previous years. We therefore do not hold the information you have asked for and accordingly, your request for this information is refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA.

Our responses to questions 1 and 4 are provided in the table below. This information is current as at 19 June 2023.

Rating Year	Arrears (including penalties)
2016-17	14,279.16
2017-18	21,636.24
2018-19	34,928.47
2019-20	62,348.46
2020-21	240,154.84
2021-22	949,350.89
No. of Rating Units	424

In question 5, you have asked for the Hutt City Council's processes and policies for the collection of outstanding rates and late payment fees. These follow the requirements of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, see:

www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0006/latest/DLM131394.html?src=qs

Hutt City Council's Rating Sales Policy is available on its website, see:

https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/dca10d32fed24fb48c89a051398ef73e/_CM9-WE/76933bfb1205d344efeb27de60807f100ed

Please note that this response to your information request, including your name, may be published on Hutt City Council's website, on the following link:

www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contact-us/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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