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Mathias Schaeffner

Tasman Democracy



Dear Mathias Schaeffner

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

We refer to your official information request dated 9 January 2024 for:

- 1. How much debt has the Council had at the end of the last financial year?*
- 2. What is the Council's current maximum limit for debt?*
- 3. Does the Council has intentions (for example plans, drafts, resolutions, discussions) to increase the amount of debt in the future? And if yes, by how much in what timeframe?*
- 4. How many people live in the area that the Council manages?*
- 5. From how many rating units does the Council collect rates?*

Answer:

This information can be found in the Council's Annual Report and Annual Plan. These can be accessed at: Annual Report 2022/23: [Pūrongo ā-Tau – Annual Report 2022-23 \(hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net\)](https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/Purongo-a-Tau-Annual-Report-2022-23)

Annual Plan 2023/24 : [Kia taurite ngā mahi – Striking the right balance \(hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net\)](https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/Kia-aurite-ngā-mahi-Striking-the-right-balance).



Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 17(d) of the Act, that the Information requested is publicly available.

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 response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely

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