

28 July 2022

Alan Waller


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

We refer to your official information request dated 30 June 2022 for the following information:

- *What was the rates increase for 2022/23 in percentage terms.*
- *In percentage terms what was the increase for residential ratepayers.*
- *In percentage terms what was the increase for business ratepayers.*
- *Including the mayor and councillors who voted for and against these rates increases for 2022/23.*

Our responses to your questions are provided below:

*What was the rates increase for 2022/23 in percentage terms?
In percentage terms what was the increase for residential ratepayers?
Who in Council voted for and against these rates increases for 2022/23?*

Answers to the above three questions can be found in the 30 June 2022 news release relating to the adoption of the Annual Plan 2022 – 2023:

www.huttcity.govt.nz/people-and-communities/news/2022/hutt-city-council-adopts-annual-plan-2022-23

As this information is available on the Council's website, your request for this information is refused under section 17(d) of the LGOIMA.

In percentage terms what was the increase for business ratepayers?

The average rates increase for central commercial properties is 7.95%, while those for suburban commercial properties average 9.74%.

Rates increases are tabulated on page 20 of the Council's Annual Plan for 2022-2023:

<https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/53e6aef4286940319d5f8694964f5306/AP2021-22/bfd7687c214655547b8903c3a5192cf12a2>

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.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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