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**To:** requests@taxpayers.org.nz  
**Subject:** Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Request  
**Attachments:** Response.pdf

Kia Ora

Please find attached our response to your request for information relating to the 2021/22 Taxpayers Annual Report. Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying to your request.

Kā mihi

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Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to your letter 4 May 2022 requesting information for the Ratepayer's Report for the 2021/22 year. Please find our response below.

1. **Average residential rates**

Average residential rates as follows for 2021/22:

x	Total residential rates	\$134,539,847
y	Total user charges	0
z	Number of residential rating units (SUIP)	50,741
	Average residential costs	\$2,651.50

2. **Average non-residential rates**

Total non-residential rates	\$71,452,753
Total user charges	0
Number of non-residential rating units	6,418
Average non-residential costs	\$11,133

3. **Personnel**

- The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance.

There have been no staff dismissed due to poor performance.

- If applicable, the FTE number of staff employed by council-controlled organisations.

The total number of staff employed by CCO's is 840.5

The total number of staff employed by DCC is 832.3

- The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000.

DCC	138
CCO's	234
<b>Total</b>	<b>372</b>

- The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000.

DCC	8
CCO's	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

### 3.1 Management

- 1 The FTE number of managers employed. Please confirm the ratio of management to staff.

157 Managers – Ratio is 1 manager per 7 staff.

- 2 The average and median salary of a manager.

Average salary	\$115,143
Median	\$105,936

### 3.2 Communications

- 1 The FTE number of communications and marketing staff employed.

20

- 2 The average and median salary of communications and marketing staff.

Average salary	\$82,629
Median salary	\$72,684

- 3 Total expenditure on communications and marketing.

\$3,168,954

Please note the information provided in response to 3.2 relates to the Communications and Marketing Department. Other departments do undertake marketing however the information is not held in a way that is easily identifiable and would involve creating new information. Therefore, pursuant to section 17(f) that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, your request is declined.

### 3.3 Consultants & contractors

- 1 Total expenditure on consultants and contractors.
- 2 Total number of consultants and contractors paid.

This information is not held in a form which can be provided without creating new information therefore pursuant to section 17(f) that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, your request is declined.

### 3.4 Core Services

- a The FTS number of staff employed to work on the delivery and/or maintenance of local infrastructure

176 staff

- b The FTE number of staff employed to provide regulatory functions.

151 staff

- C The FTE number of staff employed in customer facing roles.

493 staff

### Audit and Risk Oversight

- 1 How many members are on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)?

6

- 2 Does the Council have independent members on the Committee?

Yes

- 3 Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member?

Yes

- 4 Does the Council have a lawyer (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?

Yes

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

Yes

- 6 Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff?

Yes

### 5. Payments to third parties

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

DCC \$189,074.08  
CCO's \$11,947.05

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

DCC \$133,154.67  
CCO's \$0

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

DCC \$39,168.06  
CCO's \$0

**6 Debt**

- 1 Net debt as a percent of rates income

186%

- 2 The dollar amount of debt per rating unit

\$5,909.96

- 3 The dollar amount of interest paid per rating unit.

\$282.44

As we have declined to provide some information you are advised that you have the right to seek a review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours faithfully



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