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Dear Garrick

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

I refer to your e-mail of 1 February 2019 seeking the following information for the 2016/17 and 17/18 Financial Years. Information for the 2017/18 year is provided in this letter.

1. Average residential costs:

Information for the 2016/17 year was provided to you in our letter 1 March 2018, a copy of which is attached for your information.

a) The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges:

The average residential rates for the 2017/18 year was \$2,072, with X = \$102,422,563, Y = nil and Z = \$49,438

b) A list of the types of rates, user charges and levies used to calculate each of the figures above.

All rate codes charged to residential properties
General Rate
Community Services
Kerbside Recycling
Water Connected
Water Serviceable
Fire Protection Water Rate
Residential Institution Fire Protection
Drainage Connected
Drainage Serviceable
Residential Institution Capital Value Drainage
Warm Dunedin
Private Street Lighting Charge
Allanton Drainage 2012-2031
Blanket Bay Drainage 2013-2032
Curles Point Drainage 2013-2032

An average residential rate account
General Rate
Community Services
Kerbside Recycling
Water Connected
Drainage Connected

2. Rating units

- a) *The total number of rating units within the Council's district or city.*

55,958

- b) *The total number of residential rating units (however defined by the council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a definition for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban, lifestyle, or similar).*

49,438

- c) *For each Regional Council that your authority falls under, please separately disclose the number of rating units and residential rating units in each region.*

N/A

3. Staff Numbers

- a) *The FTE number of staff employed by the Council (excluding any staff employed by council-controlled organisations) as at 30 June 2018.*
- b) *The FTE number of staff employed by the Council (including any staff employed by council-controlled organisations) as at 30 June 2018.*
- c) *The total number of any severance payments made to staff (including payments to staff employed by council-controlled organisations). Please only include payments that are made above and beyond any payment that is required to be made under an employment agreement.*
- d) *The total dollar value of any severance payments made to staff (including payments to staff employed by council-controlled organisations). Please only include payments that are made above and beyond any payment that is required to be made under an employment agreement.*
- e) *The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance.*
- f) *The total number of staff (including those employed by council-controlled organisations) receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000.*
- g) *The total number of staff (including those employed by council-controlled organisations) receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000.*

Attached is a link to the 2017/18 Annual Report where you will find the answers to the questions relating to staff on page 130.

https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/688940/Annual-Report-2017-18.pdf

In response to question (e) there have been no staff dismissed due to poor performance.

4. Contractor Numbers

- a) The total value of payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisations) to any company or individual contracted by the Council to provide a service.*
- b) The FTE number of contractors (i.e. individual positions) the payments in (a) equate.*
- c) The total number of contractors (i.e. individual positions) receiving payments totalling in excess of \$100,000.*
- d) The total number of contractors (i.e. individual positions) receiving payments totalling in excess of \$200,000.*

We are unclear as to the information you are requesting relating to individual positions compared to companies. Could you please clarify what information you are seeking?

5. CEO Remuneration

- a) The total remuneration paid to the Council's Chief Executive.*
- b) The total remuneration paid to the CEO of each council-controlled organisation. Please disclose the name of the CEO, the name of the relevant council-controlled organisation, and the annual remuneration the CEO received.*

This information is contained on page 130 of the 2017/18 Annual Report. A link has been attached in response to question 3.

Question b has been transferred to Dunedin City Holding Company pursuant to section 12 (b) of LGOIMA.

6. Elected Official Remuneration

- a) The total remuneration paid to the Council's Mayor during the 2017/18 Financial Year.*
- b) The total remuneration paid to the Council's Deputy Mayor during the 2017/18 Financial Year.*
- c) The sum of annual remuneration paid the Councillors (excluding the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) in the 2017/18 Financial Year.*
- d) The total number of Councillors (excluding the Mayor and Deputy Mayor).*

This information is contained on page 129 of the 2017/18 Annual Report. A link has been attached in response to question 3.

7. Audit and Risk Oversight

- a) The number of members on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent).*

Six members (including the Mayor as an ex-officio member)

- b) The number of elected officials on the Committee.*

Four Elected Members (including the Mayor as an ex-officio member)

- c) The number of independent members on the Committee.*

Two

- d) The number of lawyers (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee.*

One

- e) *The number of chartered accountants (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee.*

One

- f) *Whether the chair of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee is an independent member.*

Yes the Chairperson is an Independent Member

- g) *Whether the Council has an election year protocol requiring Council staff to act in a politically neutral or impartial manner. If so, please provide the wording of the provision(s).*

The Council does have a protocol which is currently being updated and will be provided once completed.

- h) *Whether the Council has a code of conduct (above and beyond an election year protocol) requiring Council staff to act in a political neutral or impartial manner. If so, please provide the wording of the provision(s).*

The Council does have a protocol which is currently being updated and will be provided once completed.

8. Payments to third parties

- a) *The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to any Chamber of Commerce.*
b) *The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).*
c) *The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to the New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM).*

The Council provided a response to these questions in our letter to you dated 18 December 2019. A copy is attached.

The questions relating to the Council controlled organisations have been transferred to Dunedin City Holding Company pursuant to section 12 (b) of LGOIMA.

Yours faithfully



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