

31 May 2022

File Ref: 5-IM-2

Via email:	

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA), relating to Council finances and rates, received on 4 May 2022. Our response to your questions are below:

1. Average residential rates

a) The average residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average residential costs = (X+Y)/Z

Response:

Туре	Year	X	Υ	Total	Z	Average
Residential	2020/21	13,627,084	99,289	13,726,373	4835	2,838.96

b) Average non-residential rates - The average non-residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average residential costs= (X+Y)/Z

Response:

Туре	Year	х	Υ	Total	Z	Average
Non-Residential	2020/21	15,097,789	1,472,528	16,570,317	3121	5,309.30

2. Personnel

- a) The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance.
- b) If applicable, the FTE number of staff employed by council-controlled organisations.
- c) The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000.
- d) The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000.

Response:

- a) 0.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) 11, as per Annual Report (Figure also includes staff member identified in response to d) below).
- d) 1.

3. Audit and Risk Oversight

- a) How many members are on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)?
- b) Does the Council have independent members on the Committee?
- c) Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member?
- d) Does the Council have a lawyer (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?
- e) Does the Council have an accountant (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?
- f) Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff?

Response:

- a) Five.
- b) One.
- c) Yes.
- d) No.
- e) No.
- f) Yes (equivalent document). This is covered in our election protocols, which are linked to our Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy. Council has a code of conduct here is a link to it on our website https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/files/general/Policies/Code-of-Conduct-2019-22.pdf please refer to page 5 section 6.

4. Payment to third parties

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

Response:

- a) Whanganui Chamber of Commerce \$258.75
- b) Local Government Total \$47,319.19

Local Government - Total 947,313.13

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c) SOLGM –\$43,637.73













Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Kezia Spence on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely

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