



**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**

- 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
- 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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