



13 October 2020

[REDACTED]
NZ Taxpayers' Union

Via email: [REDACTED]@ratepayers.nz

Dear Monique

Response to official information request for further information (as per request sent on 28 August 2020) for the 2018/2019 Financial Year

I refer to your request for official information received 16 September relating to the 2018/2019 Financial Year. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

Audit and Risk Oversight

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

Seven

2. The number of elected officials on the Committee.

Five

3. The number of independent members on the Committee.

Two

4. The number of lawyers (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee.

Nil

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

One Chartered Accountant with a current certificate; one retired Chartered Accountant who no longer carries a current certificate.

6. Whether the chair of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee is an independent member.

Yes

7. Whether the Council has an election year protocol requiring Council Staff to act in a politically neutral or impartial manner.

Yes

8. Whether the Council has a code of conduct (above and beyond an election year protocol) requiring Council staff to act in a politically neutral or impartial manner.

Yes

Payments to third parties

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

Porirua Chamber of Commerce - \$511.75 incl. GST

Business Central Chamber of Commerce - \$69,000 incl. GST

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

\$10,445 incl. GST

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

\$22,236.49 incl. GST

Average non-residential costs:

1. The average non-residential costs of rates and other Council charges, where average non-residential costs = $(X + Y) / Z$. Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, Z) are disclosed in the response, where:

X = \$17,977,467.70

Y = \$33,515.30

Z = 1770.95

Average = \$10,170.24

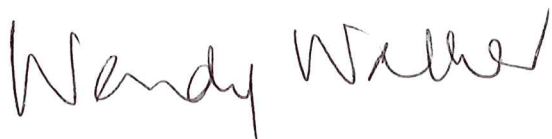
* X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential*;

* Y is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential* (for example, charges related to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and

* Z is the number of rating units except those defined as residential*.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Moana Wyatt on 04 237 1411 or Moana.wyatt@porirua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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Chief Executive
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