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Request from:	New Zealand Taxpayers' Union
Information requested:	Ratepayers Report 2020/21
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

01 March 2023

Eve McCallum
New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

Via Email: eve@taxpayers.org.nz

Dear Eve

Official information request for information from the 2020/2021 financial year.

I refer to your official information request dated 31 January 2023 for information from the 2020/2021 financial year.

You have asked for the following information:

1. Average residential rates

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

\$2,585.57

2. Average non-residential rates

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

\$14,000.87

3. Personnel

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

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

This will be answered by Westland Holdings Ltd directly.

- c. If applicable, the total FTE number of staff employed, including those employed by **council-controlled organisations**.

This information can be found on our website here:

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/1qhgn0yo/annual-report-2021-2022-with-audit-opinion.pdf>

The numbers from any CCO will be answered by Westland Holdings Ltd directly.

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

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

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3.1. Management

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

1:4.9

2. **The average and median salary of a manager.**

We have decided to refuse this under section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

3.2. Communications

1. **The FTE number of communications & marketing staff employed.**

1.

2. **The average and median salary of communications & marketing staff.**

We have decided to refuse this under section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

3. **Total expenditure on communications & marketing.**

\$157,797.00

3.3. Consultants & contractors

1. **Total expenditure on consultants and contractors.**

\$435,148.14

2. **Total number of consultants and contractors paid.**

4.

3.4. Core services

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

12.84

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

12.15

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

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4. Audit and Risk Oversight

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

7. Please note, Westland District Council has a Risk and Assurance Committee.

- b. Does the Council have independent members on the Committee?

Yes.

- c. Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member?

Yes.

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

No.

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

Yes.

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

Yes.

5. Payments to third parties

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

Nil.

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

\$38,665

- 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.

\$4,692

6. Debt

1. Net debt as a percent of rates income

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2. The dollar amount of debt per rating unit

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3. The dollar amount of interest paid per rating unit

\$105.32

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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