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Subject: FW: Official Information Request for 2021 Ratepayers Report Ref OIA 012/21
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Dear Requester

We refer to your official information request dated 8 March 2021 for 2021 Ratepayers Report.

Please accept our apologies for an error sent to you originally.
Staff have revisited the numbers and have changed 3b. c and d below which has been highlighted in green.

Many thanks for your patience.

Average residential rates

The average **residential** costs of rates and other Council charges, where **average residential costs = (X + Y) / Z - \$1,815.37**

Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:

X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units - **\$9,430,850**

Y is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc.) - **NIL**

Z is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban) - **5195**

Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).

Average non-residential rates

The average **non-residential** costs of rates and other Council charges, where **average non-residential costs = (X + Y) / Z - \$2,394.12**

Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:

X is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential* - **\$5,268,803**

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) - **\$168,247**

Z is the number of rating units except those defined as residential* (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial) - **2271**

Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags).

***Please ensure that this definition matches that used to calculate average residential rates so that the respective X values of both requests add up to total rates income for the 2019/2020**

Financial Year.

Personnel

- a. The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance. **NIL**
- b. If applicable, the FTE number of staff employed by council-controlled organisations. **105**
- c. The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000. **13**
- d. The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000. **1**

Audit and Risk Oversight

- a. How many members are on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)? **11**
- b. Does the Council have independent members on the Committee? **No**
- c. Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member? **No**
- 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? **No however we have at least 1 member of staff who attends who has a current cert.**
- f. Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff? **No**

Payments to third parties

- a. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to any Chamber of Commerce, including GST. **\$0 / NIL**
 - b. The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), including GST. **\$40668.22**
 - 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. **\$13501.62**
- SOLGM

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Kind regards

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We are consulting on our draft 2021-2031
Long Term Plan.

Have your say until 18 May.

Click [here](#) to get informed and make a submission.

Buller District Council

	Current figures to be published	Our Comment (if any)	Council Correction (if any)
Council Profile			
Council type	Rural		
Population served (Stats NZ)	9,610		
Number of households (Stats NZ)	5,769		
Area (square km)	7,943		
Average Rates			
Average residential rates	\$1,815		
Average non-residential rates	\$2,394		
Personnel			
Full-time Equivalent Staff – Group	168		105
Number of severance payments – Group	0		
Total value of severance payments – Group	\$0		
Number of performance related dismissals	0		
Staff over \$100,000 – Group	22		12
Proportion of staff earning over \$100,000	13%		11.4%
Staff over \$200,000 – Group	1		
CEO remuneration (inc all benefits)	\$235,789		
Mayor remuneration (inc all benefits)	\$91,143	G Howard (\$26,704) + J Cleine (\$64,439)	
Deputy Mayor remuneration (inc all benefits)	\$36,764	G Neylon (\$11,275) + S Roche (\$25,489)	
Average councillor remuneration (inc all benefits) not inc Mayor/Deputy Mayor	\$24,950	Total remuneration (\$352,453) less Mayor/Dep Mayor (= \$224,546) / total Councillors (9)	
Audit & Risk Committee			
Total number of members	11		
Is there an independent member on the committee?	No		
Is there a lawyer with a practising certificate on the committee?	No		
Is there an accountant on the committee?	No		
Is the chair an independent member?	No		
Is there a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from staff?	Yes		

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Payment to Third Parties

Chamber of Commerce (inc GST)	\$0		
Local Government New Zealand (inc GST)	\$40,668		
New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (inc GST)	\$13,502		

The following figures have been calculated based on the financial statements contained in the council's Annual Report (year ending 30 June 2020) and the number of household figures noted at the beginning of this document.

Revenue Per Household

Total revenue – Council	\$4,851		
Total revenue – Group	\$6,110		

Personnel Costs Per Household

Total personnel costs – Council	\$1,003		
Total personnel costs – Group	\$2,163		

Debt Financing Costs Per Household

Total debt financing costs – Council	\$209		
Total debt financing costs – Group	\$211		

Operating Costs Per Household

Total operating costs – Council	\$5,439		
Total operating costs – Group	\$6,761		

Assets Per Household

Total assets – Group	\$73,457		
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Liabilities Per Household

Total liabilities – Group	\$7,666		
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Equity Per Household

Total equity – Group	\$66,200		
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