

14 April 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2022-16

Thank you for your email of 21 March 2022 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

"I would like to know, please - what was the average increase in rates between last year and this year. Or to put it another way - assuming the council raised rates this year - what was the % increase please ..."

You later clarified that you:

"need to get clearer - what I meant was - if we compare the 2020/21 rates to the 2021/22 rates - what was the increase - presumably decided upon around this time last year."

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

The average increase in rates between 2020/21, and this year 2021/22 was 5.65%. Further information is readily available in our Long-Term Plan which can be viewed here:

<https://cdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021-31-LTP-document-Final-signed.pdf>

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geoff Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

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