

6 October 2022



Dear 

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2022-56

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2022 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

1. *"In the Election Report and within your message, you mention 3 waters and presuming it goes ahead around \$5.6m or 35% of rating revenue and \$4.8m of cost will pass onto the WSE. Why is there a differential of \$800k between income and expenditure and what is this used for? Because of those figures, some are asking if they are being overcharged for water services.*
2. *Is council looking to provide a new updated Street map in the near future? Is anyone still providing a map or has google maps and navman removed the need for one?*

... Is management still working on providing the full operational costs of the event centre, towards the end of this year?"

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

The response to your request is in the number order below.

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The revenue figure used for in the Pre-Election Report was based on our 2022/23 rates strike. The expenditure figure is based on actuals for the 2021/22 year. With more time we would have presented the information differently.

Council have since prepared interim draft financial statements for the 2021/22 year and can now show the individual Three Waters activities compared to budget. Overall, we budgeted for a small surplus of \$90k. Our rates strike was on the basis of the budget.

The actual results show a surplus of \$2.1m driven by \$1,371,000 of Three Waters Stimulus grants and an underspend in depreciation of \$597k. A summary of this is shown below.

	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Actual
Water	42,816	1,101,800
Wastewater	34,186	993,816
Stormwater	13,074	(2,368)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 90,076	\$ 2,093,249

3W Stimulus Grants	1,371,000
Depreciation underspend	597,244

The 2021/22 surplus will be incorporated into our Equity (General Reserves) which will be used to fund the capital required for the Three Waters Stimulus projects and offset future rates, amongst other things.

2. Is council looking to provide a new updated Street map in the near future? Is anyone still providing a map or has google maps and navman removed the need for one?

No Council is not planning to provide a new updated street map in the near future, but this can be something to discuss with our team. Agree with your comment that google maps etc are now widely used.

... Is management still working on providing the full operational costs of the event centre, towards the end of this year?

Events Centre operational costs can be provided once the 2022 financial statements have been finalised.

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



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