

5 July 2023



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Dear 

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-34**

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2023. The Carterton District Council received your request on 31 May 2023 for the following information:

*"1. What is the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties (which have not been paid and remain outstanding at the date of this letter) for each of the following rate years:*

- 1.1 1 July 2016-30 June 2017.*
- 1.2 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.*
- 1.3 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.*
- 1.4 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.*
- 1.5 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.*
- 1.6 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.*

*2. Is the Carterton District Council predicting the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties for the 2022/2023 rating year to increase or decrease on the previous rating year?*

*3. Is the Carterton District Council predicting the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties for the 2023/2024 rating year to increase or decrease on the previous rating year?*

*4. How many rating unites have arrears of rates and/or late payment penalties which have been outstanding for more than 12 months?*

*5. What are the Carterton District Council's policies and processes for the collection of any outstanding rates and late payments penalties?"*

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

My response to your request is in the order of your request below.

**1. What is the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties (which have not been paid and remain outstanding at the date of this letter) for each of the following rate years:**

- 1.1 1 July 2016-30 June 2017.**
- 1.2 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.**
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- 1.6 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.**

My response to this part of your question is as follows:

- 1. 1.2 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. \$0
- 2. 1.3 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. \$0
- 3. 1.4 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. \$82.92
- 4. 1.5 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. \$10,983.60
- 5. 1.6 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. \$53,254.12

In addition, there are penalties totalling \$25,712.47 over this period, and also including the 2022/23 year (penalties are not easily broken down by year).

**2. Is the Carterton District Council predicting the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties for the 2022/2023 rating year to increase or decrease on the previous rating year?**

We are predicting 2022/23 rates arrears to remain broadly consistent to the previous rating year.

**3. Is the Carterton District Council predicting the total value of rates arrears and late payment penalties for the 2023/2024 rating year to increase or decrease on the previous rating year?**

We are predicting 2023/24 rates arrears to remain broadly consistent to the previous rating year.

**4. How many rating units have arrears of rates and/or late payment penalties which have been outstanding for more than 12 months?**

There are 28 rating units which have arrears of more than 12 months.

**5. What are the Carterton District Council's policies and processes for the collection of any outstanding rates and late payments penalties?**

Our process is to send overdue reminder letters twice yearly. Once accounts have been outstanding for 12 months, we pass it on to our debt collection agency to collect on our behalf.

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 letter. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief Executive**  
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