

2 September 2025

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2025-37

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2025 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

"We are finalising our number for the Taxpayers' Union ratepayers report and would like to run the following profile across for any errors.

Please see the attached document ready to be double-checked. Your response by EOD Wednesday would be very appreciated, otherwise we will assume as correct.

Naturally, at any time, you are welcome to get in touch with me to discuss any changes or updates.

Reminder, this is for the 2023-24 financial year."

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

Our response to your request is attached as **Appendix One**.

Please note, the Council 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.

Nāku noa, nā



Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

Carterton District Council Profile

	Current figures to be published	Our Comment (if any)	Council Correction (if any)
Council Profile			
Council type	Rural		
Population served (Stats NZ)	10,300		
Number of households (Stats NZ)	4,626		
Area (square km)	1,180		
Credit rating	Unrated		
Average Rates			
Average residential rates	\$ 4,398.29		
Median residential rates			
Average non-residential rates	\$ 3,471.04		
Median non-residential rates			
Personnel			
Full-time Equivalent Staff – Council	72		
Full-time Equivalent Staff – CCOs	N/A		
Full Time Equivalent Staff – Total	72		
Number of performance related dismissals	0		
FTE Staff over \$100,000 – Group	15		
Proportion of staff earning over \$100,000	22.22%		18%
Staff over \$200,000 – Group	1		
Management FTE	13.75		
Average salary of managers	\$127,313.00		
Median salary of managers	\$ 126,925.00		
Communications & marketing FTE	2.5		
Average salary of comms staff	\$61,653.00		
Median salary of comms staff	\$49,140.00		
Infrastructure FTE	32.15		
Regulatory FTE	16.73		

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Customer service FTE	15.28		
% FTE Core services (Infrastructure, Regulatory & Customer service)	89.11%		
Audit & Risk Committee			
Total number of members	6		7 Includes Māori representative
Is the Chair independent?	Yes		
Is there a lawyer with a practising certificate on the committee?	Declined		
Is there an accountant with a practising certificate on the committee?	Declined		
Are there independent members?	Yes		
Is there a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from staff?	Yes		
Payment to Third Parties			
Chamber of Commerce (inc GST)	\$ 17,537.50		
Local Government New Zealand (inc GST)	\$ 31,270.05		
New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (inc GST)	\$ 18,952.99		
Debt			
Total rates revenue:	\$17,755,000		
Net debt total	\$16,599,227		
Debt per household	\$3,588.25		
Interest paid per household	\$203.89		
Net debt % rates income	93.49%		