

10 March 2026

Ratepayers report
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Tēnā koe

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2026-02

Your reference: Carterton District Council – 2026 Ratepayers Report 2/3.

Thank you for your email request of 20 January 2026 to the Carterton District Council (CDC), attached as **Appendix A**.

CDC has noted the correction to question 1 in your email request below highlighted in 'yellow' which you have advised should be "...we referred to \$256,800 as the salary of a Cabinet minister. In fact, this should have read "equivalent to a minister outside of Cabinet"

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act). The response to your request is in the number order of your request below.

1. Personnel as at 30 June 2025

- The total number of staff dismissed due to poor performance in the financial year is nil.
- The total FTE number of staff employed by the council, excluding council-controlled organisations was 72.9.
- The FTE number of staff employed by CCOs was nil.
- The total number of staff (non-FTE, including casual staff) was 82. In addition to this there were 16 casual staff.
- The total number of staff including those employed by CCOs receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000 was 17.
- The total number of staff including those employed by CCOs receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000 was 1.
- The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration in excess of \$256,800 (*equivalent to a minister outside of Cabinet*) is nil.
 - The mean and median remuneration for Council staff is: Average \$78,993, Median: \$71,569
 - The mean and median remuneration for CCO staff is n/a.

2.1 Management

- The FTE number of managers employed by the council and, if applicable, the number of managers employed by CCOs as at 30 June 2025.

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- The Taxpayers' Union defines a manager as: any staff member who is responsible for a team of staff, or who has an employee/employees reporting to them and organises them to achieve their department's or organisation's specified goal. The Chief Executive team is included in this definition is 14.65.
- The ratio of management to total staff numbers. If applicable, please provide a ratio for the group, including CCOs, and a ratio for the council parent is: Ratio 15 managers to 82 staff.
- The average and median salary of a manager. If applicable, please provide for both the group, including CCOs, and the council parent is: Average: \$95,829, Median: \$90,380.

2.2 Communications

- The FTE number of communications & marketing staff employed by the council and is 2.56.
- The average and median salary of communications & marketing staff is: Average \$73,494, Median \$72,882.

3 Audit and Risk Oversight

- *How many members are on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)?* Our Councillor Portfolios can be viewed in our website here: [2025-28-Committee-members-and-Portfolios-29-Oct-2025-002.pdf](#)
- *Of those members, how many are elected and how many are independent of the council?* Please refer to the link above.
- *Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member?* Please refer to the link above.
- *Does the Council have a lawyer (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?* No.
- *Does the Council have an accountant (with a current practising certificate or a full member of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand) on the Committee?* Yes, The Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee is a full member of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand) on the Risk & Assurance Committee.
- *Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff?* The current CDC Elected Member Code of Conduct can be viewed here: <https://cdc.govt.nz/your-council/electedreps/#documents>

4 Unelected members on to council?

- *Please list all appointments of unelected members onto council committees with spending and regulatory powers.* There are no Council committees with spending and regulatory powers.

5. Payments to third parties

- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to any Chamber of Commerce, including GST is \$44,478.40.
- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), including GST is \$44,377.79.
- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to the Taituarā including GST is \$15,453.54.

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

RELEASED UNDER LGOIMA

From: LGOIMA Requests <lgoima@cdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2026 1:18 pm
To: ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz
Subject: Extension: LGOIMA 2026-02: Carterton District Council - 2026 Ratepayers' Report Report 2/3

Kia ora,

LGOIMA 2026-02

Thank you for your email request below (*Ratepayers' Report 2026 2/3*) we received on Tuesday 20 January 2026.

The Carterton District Council needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request, pursuant to section 14(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. For this reason, you can expect to receive a response to your request by 18 March 2026. We are hopeful that we will be able to respond to you before this date.

Ngā mihi,



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From: LGOIMA Requests <lgoima@cdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 January 2026 12:27 pm
To: ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz
Subject: LGOIMA 2026-02: Carterton District Council - 2026 Ratepayers' Report Report 2/3

Kia ora,

LGOIMA 2026-02

Thank you for your email request below (*Ratepayers' Report 2026 2/3*) we received on Tuesday 20 January 2026.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act (1987). You can expect a reply no later than **Wednesday 18 February 2026**, which is 20 working days from the date we received your request. The response date shown takes into account Waitangi Day 6 February 2026.

CDC has noted the correction question 1 in your email request below in highlighted in 'yellow' which should be "...we referred to \$256,800 as the salary of a Cabinet minister. In fact, this should have read *"equivalent to a minister outside of Cabinet"*"

Ngā mihi,

From: Ratepayers Report <ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 20 January 2026 11:45 am

To: Council Info Mailbox <info@cdc.govt.nz>

Subject: Carterton District Council - 2026 Ratepayers' Report Report 2/3

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Hello Carterton District Council,

The Taxpayers' Union is in the process of preparing the 2026 Ratepayers' Report for the 2024/25 financial year. This is request number 2 of 3.

This is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Please use **GST inclusive** figures where applicable.

I request the following information for the **2024/25 Financial Year**:

1. Personnel as at 30 June 2025

- The total number of council staff dismissed due to poor performance in the financial year.
- The total FTE number of staff employed by the council, excluding council-controlled organisations.
- If applicable, the FTE number of staff employed by CCOs.
- The total number of staff (non-FTE, including casual staff). If applicable, include CCOs separately.
- The total number of staff including those employed by CCOs receiving remuneration in excess of \$100,000.
- The total number of staff including those employed by CCOs receiving remuneration in excess of \$200,000.
- The total number of staff including those employed by council-controlled organisations receiving remuneration **in excess of \$256,800 (equivalent to a Cabinet minister)**.
 - The mean and median remuneration for Council staff.
 - The mean and median remuneration for CCO staff.

2.1. Management

- The FTE number of managers employed by the council and, if applicable, the number of managers employed by CCOs as at 30 June 2025.
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- The ratio of management to total staff numbers. If applicable, please provide a ratio for the group, including CCOs, and a ration for the council parent.

- The average and median salary of a manager. If applicable, please provide for both the group, including CCOs, and the council parent.

2.2. Communications

- The FTE number of communications & marketing staff employed by the council and, if applicable, the number of communications & marketing staff employed by CCOs.
- The average and median salary of communications & marketing staff. If applicable, please provide for both the group, including CCOs, and the council parent.

3. Audit and Risk Oversight

- How many members are on the Council's Audit and Risk Committee (or equivalent)?
- Of those members, how many are elected and how many are independent of the council?
- Is the Chair of the Committee an independent member?
- Does the Council have a lawyer (with a current practising certificate) on the Committee?
- Does the Council have an accountant (with a current practising certificate or a full member of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand) on the Committee?
- Does the Council have a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from Council staff?

4. Unelected members

- Please list all appointments of unelected members onto council committees with spending and regulatory powers.

5. Payments to third parties

- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to any Chamber of Commerce, including GST.
- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), including GST.
- The total payments made by the Council (or any council-controlled organisation) to the Taituarā including GST.

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden on your bureau. If clarification of any of our requests is needed, please call or email. Likewise, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust it to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please also get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in being able to assemble or provide some of the information requested, please provided the rest of the information as it becomes available.

To avoid unnecessarily printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response, and any other correspondence to ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz

Please include the following reference in the subject line: [Council name] - 2026 Ratepayers Report 2/3.

If you have any questions, please reply directly to this email. We expect a response within twenty working days.

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