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Ratepayers report
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Tēnā koe

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2026-03

Your reference: Carterton District Council – Ratepayers Report 3/3

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

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. Contractors and consultants

- *Total expenditure on contractors by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.*
\$29,516.43 Do not track FTE equivalent.
- *Total expenditure on consultants by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.*
\$1,242,535 Do not track FTE equivalent.

2. Mayor's office

- *If applicable, please provide the total budget allocated to the mayor's office for both the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the current financial year.*
- *If applicable, please provide the FTE number of staff employed to work in the mayor's office and their job titles.*

Not Applicable. Carterton District Council does not budget for, nor has staff allocated to a Mayor's office.

3. Depreciation and renewals

- The total amount of depreciation funded for all council-owned assets in the year ended 30 June 2025, broken down by source (e.g., rates, grants, levies).*
 - Depreciation is funded by rates only. Amount: \$3,419,306.63.

- b) *The total cash amount spent on replacing, restoring, or upgrading existing assets to maintain levels of service in the year ended 30 June 2025.*
- Amount: \$12,090,906.34.
- c) *What was the actual year-end balance of cash reserves held for depreciation, and did the balance increase or decrease over this period?*
- Balance of the depreciation reserve at 30 June 2025. Amount: \$7,137,834.79.
 - Movement in the depreciation reserve was a decrease. Amount: \$1,146,320.25.
- d) *The total amount of depreciation funds allocated for purposes other than renewals capital expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2025. Specifically, detail the amounts used for:*
- *New Capital/Growth Projects (i.e., new assets, not renewals).*
 - Amount: Nil
 - *Debt Repayment (i.e., principal or interest payments).*
 - Amount: Nil
 - *Operating Expenses.*
 - Amount: Nil

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

Appendix A

From: Ratepayers Report <ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 January 2026 11:44 am
To: Council Info Mailbox <info@cdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Carterton District Council - Ratepayers' Report 2026 3/3

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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 3 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. Contractors and consultants

- Total expenditure on contractors by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.
 - *The Taxpayers' Union defines contractors as per the Contractors and Consultants Guidance document published by the Public Service Commission.*
- Total expenditure on consultants by the council and the FTE equivalent as at 30 June 2025. Please provide the same information for CCOs, if applicable.
 - *The Taxpayers' Union defines consultants as per the Contractors and Consultants Guidance document published by the Public Service Commission.*

2. Mayor's office

- If applicable, please provide the total budget allocated to the mayor's office for both the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and the current financial year.
- If applicable, please provide the FTE number of staff employed to work in the mayor's office and their job titles.

3. Depreciation and renewals

- The total amount of depreciation funded for all council-owned assets in the year ended 30 June 2025, broken down by source (e.g., rates, grants, levies).
- The total cash amount spent on replacing, restoring, or upgrading existing assets to maintain levels of service in the year ended 30 June 2025.
- What was the actual year-end balance of cash reserves held for depreciation, and did the balance increase or decrease over this period?
- The total amount of depreciation funds allocated for purposes other than renewals capital expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2025. Specifically, detail the amounts used for:
 - New Capital/Growth Projects (i.e., new assets, not renewals).
 - Debt Repayment (i.e., principal or interest payments).
 - Operating Expenses.

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 provide 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] - Ratepayers' Report 2026 3/3

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

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