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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2026-22

Thank you for your email of Thursday 19 March 2026 to the Carterton District Council requesting that we review your attached document (**Appendix A**) containing the figures and data which you intend to publish in your Taxpayers' Union's Ratepayers' Report2026 report.

We have reviewed the document attached as **Appendix A** and have made some slight adjustments which are highlighted in 'blue' and 'yellow'.

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

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	Current figures to be published	Our Comment (if any)	Council Correction (if any)
Council Profile			
Council type	Provincial		
Population served (Stats NZ)	10,300		
Number of households (Stats NZ)	4,626		
Area (square km)	1,180		
Average Rates			
Average residential rates (2025)	\$ 4,770.53		
Estimated % change in residential rates (2026)	n/a		
Average non-residential rates (2025)	\$ 3,993.53		
Estimated % change in non-residential rates (2026)	n/a		
Personnel – Group (if applicable)			
Full-time Equivalent Staff	72.9		
Number of performance related dismissals	0		
Staff over \$100,000	17		
Staff over \$200,000	1		
Staff over \$256,800	0		
Management FTE	14.7		
Average salary of managers	\$95,829.00		
Communications & marketing FTE	2.6		
Average salary of comms staff	\$73,494.00		
Mayor's office budget	\$0		
Mayor's office FTE	0		
Audit & Risk Committee			
Total number of members	6		
How many elected members serve on the committee?	4		
How many independent members serve on the committee?	2		
Is there a lawyer with a practising certificate on the committee?	No		

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Is there an accountant with a practising certificate on the committee?	Yes		
Is the chair an independent member?	Yes		
Is there a code of conduct requiring political neutrality from staff?	No		
Payment to Third Parties			
Chamber of Commerce (inc GST)	\$ 44,478.40		
Local Government New Zealand (inc GST)	\$ 44,377.79		
New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (inc GST)	\$ 15,453.54		
Financials			
Debt % rates income	138%		
Debt per household	\$ 5,858		
Interest paid per household	\$ 252		
Personnel costs % direct opex	33%		
Consultant spend – Council only (incl GST)	\$ 1,242,535.00		
Contractor spend - Council only (incl GST)	\$ 29,516.43		
Renewals as a percentage of depreciation	3.54%	Depreciation = \$3,419,306.63 Renewals = \$12,090,906.34	

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