

From: [Allie Dunn](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: Response to requests for information
Date: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 1:01:00 pm
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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 22 October 2024 for information regarding staff and contractor payments, Council debt, number of LTPs implemented

Our response is as follows.

The information you have requested is already available in the public domain. We have set out below links to where you will find the information you seek through the information available on the Council's website.

Question: totals of all staff and contractor payments by council for the past 5 years, the figures for total council debt for the past 5 years, the figures for total council debt for the past 5 years and the entity/entities to which council is indebted to delineated as to interest and principal payments.

We have taken the above three questions together for providing our response.

Answer: Council publishes its audited Annual Report each year, as required by the Local Government Act 2002. The purpose of the Annual Report is to provide a comparison of the actual activities and the actual performance of the Council in the year with the intended activities and the intended level of performance as set out in the Council's Long Term Plan and subsequent Annual Plans. The Annual Report provides accountability to the community for the decisions made throughout the year by the Council. Information on the Council's borrowings, including interest rates, is detailed within the Annual Report. For example, the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 you can see this information on page 213 in the notes to the financial statements. The Council manages its borrowings in accordance with its Treasury and Risk Management Policy, which includes the Liability Management Policy, adopted as part of the Council's Long Term Plan.

Figures relating to payments to staff and suppliers is also detailed in the Council's Annual Report each year. You will find this in the financial statements, in the Funding Impact Statement for whole of Council. The 2022-23 Annual Report shows this information on page 164.

The Annual Reports for the past 14 years can be viewed on the following page on the Council's website:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/plans-and-reports/annual-report>

The Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 is currently undergoing its audit, and is scheduled for adoption by Council at its December 2024 meeting, being held 18 December 2024. You can view a draft of this report via the Council's agenda and minutes page on our website, look for the 2 October 2024 extraordinary Council meeting, and click on the link for the attachments document. It is 16.5MB in size, so too large to email.

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/agendas-and-minutes>

Question: the numbers for how many long term plans TDC has had in the past 40 years and what percentage of them have been implemented.

The Council must at all times have a Long Term Plan. This is a requirement of section 93(1) of the Local Government Act 2002. This requirement came into effect from 7 July 2004, with the first Long Term Plans being adopted by Councils in New Zealand in 2006, to take effect from 1

July 2006. Prior to that time, there was no requirement for any Council to have a Long Term Plan. The Long Term Plan covers a period of ten years, and is reviewed fully every three years. On the intervening two years between LTP reviews, an Annual Plan is developed, which makes any adjustments to budgets that may be required.

Since 2004, the Council has adopted the following seven Long Term Plans – all have been implemented:

- LTP 2024-34, LTP 2021-31, LTP 2018-28, LTP 2015-25, LTP 2012-22, LTP 2009-19, LTP 2006-16

You can view the current and previous Long Term Plans (back to 2012) through Council's website. Here is a link to the relevant page: <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/plans-and-reports/long-term-plan>

Ngā mihi



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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:34 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement - requests for information

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your requests for information, regarding staff and contractor payments, Council debt, number of LTPs implemented. We have combined your separate requests into the one overall request for response. We have separately sought clarification from you on the fifth request for information we received, regarding SPVs.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 20 November 2024, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe. As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

With regard to lodging requests for information with us, we ask that you please use our official email address rather than addressing these requests directly to my email address. This will

ensure that a response can be provided in a timely manner, for example during periods that I may be away on annual leave etc.

The email address that all requests for information need to be sent to in the first instance is: info@tararua.govt.nz. Following is a link to our web page that explains the process: <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/requests-for-official-information>

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Ngā mihi

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:52 PM

To: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Tararua.govt.nz>

Subject: CM: LGOIMA debt

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Hi Allie, can you please give me the figures for total council debt for the past 5 years and the entity/entities to which council is indebted to delineated as to interest and principal payments.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Sent from Proton Mail Android

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Allie Dunn](#)
Subject: CM: Lgoima salaries and wages
Date: Tuesday, 22 October 2024 7:34:49 pm

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Hi Allie, can you please give me the totals of all staff and contractor payments by council for the past 5 years?

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from Proton Mail Android

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Allie Dunn](#)
Subject: CM: Lgoima total debt
Date: Tuesday, 22 October 2024 7:35:54 pm

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Hi Allie, can you please give me the figured for total council debt for the past 5 years

Best wishes

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Leah Wilson

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Allie Dunn](#)
Subject: CM: Long term plans
Date: Tuesday, 22 October 2024 7:43:29 pm

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Best wishes

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