

14 August 2024

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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2024-175**

I refer to your request for information dated 28 July 2024, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 28 July 2024. You have requested the following:

*“Please tell me the figures for the last 10 years in regards of rates increases for Kāpiti ratepayers.*

*Can you add to my original request:*

*“And yearly totals for staff FTE” (for the same period as mentioned.....”*

### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

In the table below, the rate increases for the Kāpiti Coast are shown for the past 10 years.

You will notice, the rating category for the Kāpiti Coast District is split into four rating groups as outlined and applied through our Revenue and Financing Policy. They are:

- Residential Kāpiti Coast District excl. Otaki
- Residential Ōtaki Rating Area
- Rural Kāpiti Coast District
- Business Kāpiti Coast District

The district was divided into the various rating categories in 2018/19 which has allowed for the Residential Ōtaki Rating Area to be treated slightly different for rates, such as lower differentials for services such as Public Transport.

Within each of these groups the data for the average rates increase year on year has been provided in the table below.

Average Rate Increases	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Residential Kapiti Coast District excl. Ōtaki	9.3%	5.4%	5.6%	19.8%	8.9%	3.9%	16.3%	16.0%	22.9%	12.2%
Residential Ōtaki Rating Area	Change of Ōtaki Rating				5.3%	-1.3%	24.8%	11.9%	13.4%	15.8%
Rural Kāpiti Coast District	6.9%	3.4%	6.2%	0.5%	8.4%	-2.8%	18.1%	13.0%	14.4%	22.1%
Business Kāpiti Coast District	10.5%	2.4%	4.6%	2.5%	9.6%	8.4%	9.5%	18.7%	30.9%	21.2%

#### Greater Wellington Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE)

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
472	474	516	531	582	609	646	657	761

The total amounts paid to these FTE can be found in the Greater Wellington Annual Reports in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenditure and is further broken down in the Notes to Financial Statements section of these same reports under the heading Remuneration. The reports are published on <https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans-and-reports/annual-reports/>.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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