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Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **13 March 2024** requesting the following information:

1. What is your Council's proposed rates increase this year?

The Council proposed average rates increase for the 2024/25 year is 17%.

a. What proportion of that is for water services and water infrastructure?

Of the 17% proposed rates increase, 7.3% is for water services and water infrastructure.

b. What proportion of any proposed rates increase is to service the debt for water infrastructure?

Of the 7.3%, 3.2% is to service the debt for water infrastructure for the 2024/25 year.

2. What proportion of any proposed rates is to service debt for water infrastructure?

Using the assumptions and estimates in the Council's Long-term plan that is currently going through the consultation process, for 2024/25 (Year 1), the proportion of rates that would be used to service the interest cost applicable to the water infrastructure debt equates to 4.1%.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

3. How much debt is your Council currently servicing for water infrastructure?

Based on the actual 2023 reported total gross debt of \$275m, that proportion calculated to be attributed to Water Infrastructure equates to \$110m, or some 40% of the Council's total debt.

a. What is your Council's current projected costs of servicing this debt over the next 10 years?

The Council is proposing to actively reduce the debt over the next decade, by applying funds raised through rate increases to pay down debt.

The total net interest for the 10 years 2024-34 is estimated to be \$163m.

The water infrastructure assets portion of the \$163m for the period 2024-34 equates to \$69m, or 42.33% of the total interest expenditure.

These numbers are based on the current assumptions and estimates that have been used to develop the Long-term plan. This document is currently in the public domain for consultation, and depending on the rate payer feedback, will be subject to change.

Ngā mihi,



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