

OIR: 2324/863

16 April 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email of **26 March 2024** requesting the following information:

***Thinking about unpaid and overdue rates in the District, please provide detail as follows:***

**1. Total amount of unpaid rates for the District each year for the last 5 years.**

Total unpaid KCDC rates for each year ended 30 June		Late payment penalties	Number of accounts
Rating year	\$,000's	\$,000's	
2018/19	1,560	0.62	1305
2019/20	1,884	0.62	1495
2020/21	1,717	0.58	1822
2021/22	1,758	0.60	1855
2022/23	2,040	0.73	1932

**2. Provide a breakdown each year from the highest to lowest unpaid rates and length of time they have remained unpaid.**

Please note that some information has been withheld under the following section(s) of the LGOIMA 1987:

Under section 17(f) I must decline this part of your request as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, due to the number of accounts with unpaid rates as at the end of June each year. Identifying the length of time each account has remained unpaid would require reviewing each account. A summary is available in Council's Annual Report for

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

2019/20 to 2022/23. These are available through the following link [Annual reports - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/annual-reports)

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Rates receivables for 2018/19 were not published in the 2018/19 Annual Report but is provided below:

Rates receivables	2018/19 Gross \$000
Not past due	1,146
Up to 2 years	151
2 to 5 years	103
Over 5 years	161
<b>Total rate debtors</b>	<b>1,560</b>

**3. Total each of the same years of over fees paid.**

Please see 1 above for summary of late payment rates penalties levied per rating year.

**4. The number of enforcement actions taken in the same years of recover unpaid rates, and the total amount recovered.**


The framework for the recovery of unpaid rates is set out in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Since August 2019, Council has used the services of a local government shared services agency, Debt Management Central (DMC) to assist with collecting rates unpaid from prior rating years when a payment arrangement has not been agreed or maintained.

Below is a summary of files referred to DMC for collection and the amount recovered by DMC each year:

Year of debt	Number of files	Total collected (\$,000)
2022/23	459	<i>(as at 31 March 2024)</i> 425
2021/22	423	832
2020/21	429	771
2019/20	171	714
2018/19	619	789

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark de Haast', written in a cursive style.

**Mark de Haast**  
Group Manager Corporate Services  
Te Kaihautū Ratonga Tōpū