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Original LGOIMA Request:

“The Taxpayer’s Union is in the process of collating data for the publishing of its yearly Ratepayer’s Report later this year. Based on data we have sourced from you through LGOIMA requests, we have summarised data that we will publish in the attached council profile for 2021/2022. Would it be possible for your council to read and confirm the data that we have sourced, and if there are irregularities, let us know so that we can provide a correction? Similarly, if the data is correct, we would appreciate you letting us know, but if we do not hear a response back we will assume it is correct.”

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Official LGOIMA Response:

| <b>Waitaki District Council Profile</b> |  |   |                                    |
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|   | <b>Current figures to be published</b> | <b>Our Comment (if any)</b>   | <b>Council Correction (if any)</b> |
| <b>Council Profile</b>                  |  |   |                                    |
| Council type                            | <b>Provincial</b>                      |   |                                    |
| Population served (Stats NZ)            | <b>23,800</b>                          |   |                                    |
| Number of households (Stats NZ)         | <b>11,643</b>                          |   | 13,865<br>(1/7/21)                 |
| Area (square km)                        | <b>7108.00</b>                         |   |                                    |
| <b>Average Rates</b>                    |  |   |                                    |
| Average residential rates               | <b>\$2,809.16</b>                      |   | \$2,524.67                         |
| Average non-residential rates           | <b>Refused</b>                         | Waitaki DC does not separate residential rates from non-residential rates. The average residential rate is listed above for a typical home in Oamaru. |                                    |

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| <b>Personnel</b>  |                                 |  |                                       |
| Full-time Equivalent Staff – Group                                  | <b>221.15</b>                   | Waitaki District Health Service, a council-controlled organisation, employs 122 FTE staff, more than the council itself. | 415.09 (group)                        |
| Number of performance related dismissals                            | <b>0</b>                        |  |                                       |
| FTE Staff over \$100,000 – Group                                    | <b>36</b>                       |  | 81 (group)                            |
| Proportion of staff earning over \$100,000                          | <b>9.04%</b>                    |  | 19.51 (group)                         |
| Staff over \$200,000 – Group  | <b>2</b>                        |  | 8 (group)                             |
| Management FTE  | <b>22.00</b>                    |  | Council only                          |
| Average salary of managers  | <b>\$144,783.00</b>             |  | Council only                          |
| Median salary of managers   | <b>\$134,670.00</b>             |  | Council only                          |
| Communications & marketing FTE                                      | <b>3.00</b>                     |  | Council only                          |
| Average salary of comms staff                                       | <b>\$76,631.00</b>              |  | Council only                          |
| Median salary of comms staff  | <b>\$79,517.00</b>              |  | Council only                          |
| Infrastructure FTE  | <b>33.75</b>                    |  | Council only                          |
| Regulatory FTE  | <b>36.18</b>                    |  | Council only                          |
| Customer service FTE  | <b>11.05</b>                    |  | Council only                          |
| % FTE Core services (Infrastructure, Regulatory & Customer service) | <b>88.65%</b>                   |  | 41.75% (Council only, 80.98 / 193.94) |
| Total expenditure on consultants & contractors                      | <b>\$34,159,317.00</b>          |  |                                       |
| Total number of consultants & contractors                           | <b>Refused</b>                  | Data is too demanding for the council to calculate.  |                                       |
| <b>Audit &amp; Risk Committee</b>                                   |                                 |  |                                       |
| Total number of members   | <b>6</b>                        |  |                                       |

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| Is there an independent member on the committee?                       | Yes                             |                      |                             |
| Is there a lawyer with a practising certificate on the committee?      | No                              |                      |                             |
| 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?  | Yes                             |                      |                             |
| <b>Payment to Third Parties</b>  |                                 |                      |                             |
| Chamber of Commerce (inc GST)  | \$6,223.00                      |                      |                             |
| Local Government New Zealand (inc GST)                                 | \$54,623.97                     |                      |                             |
| New Zealand Society of Local Government Managers (inc GST)             | \$31,313.97                     |                      |                             |
| <b>Debt</b>  |                                 |                      |                             |
| Net debt % rates income  | 70.60%                          |                      |                             |
| Debt per rating unit   | \$1808.40                       |                      | \$1,808.44                  |
| Interest paid per rating unit  | \$21.57                         |                      |                             |