

7 August 2019

**Response to official information request relating to rates, expenditure and elected member attendance at Issues Meetings**

I refer to your request for official information received 17 July 2019 relating to rates collected, expenditure by ward and elected member attendance at weekly Issues Meeting for January 2019 to June 2019. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

- 1. A Summary of the rates collected by ward for the previous financial year. For example. Northern \$10M, Eastern \$10M, Western \$5M, Total \$25M)**

and

- 2. A summary of council expenditure by ward. ( For example ( Northern \$9M, Eastern \$11M, Western \$4M, Total \$24M)**

Our financial systems and processes are not organised to provide information on rates collected or expenses against an electoral ward so we are unable to supply this information under section 17(g) of LGOIMA. Furthermore, there would be very little expenditure information that could be isolated at the ward level particularly as our network infrastructure and services connect across the city regardless of ward boundaries. Any ward-specific information could not be provided without substantial collation or research under section 17(f) of LGOIMA and we have no intention of reorganising our financial systems to gather ward-specific information.

- 3. A summary of Councillor / Mayoral attendance records for the weekly 'Issues Meeting' for the period Jan18 – June 19. ( For example. If There were 74 meetings in total. Mayor 62/74, Councillor 1, 11/74, Councillor 2, 68/74 etc. Please list with actual councillors names)**

The weekly Issues Meetings are an informal opportunity for councillors to discuss topical matters from the previous week and raise queries for Officer follow-up. The forum is not an official decision-making meeting and is only be attended by a sub-set of elected members without other commitments at the time it is held. We hence do not keep official records of who attends.

Please note that we will publish our response to your request on the Council's website [www.porirua.govt](http://www.porirua.govt.nz) as we consider it is of wider public interest. We will redact your name and contact details from the published response in order to protect your privacy.

I trust that this information is of assistance and answers your queries. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Anne Rose at [anne.rose@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:anne.rose@porirua.govt.nz) or phone 237-3590.

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