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Subject: Final response - LGOIMA 375551 - Tasman Democracy - Council Debt
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

Your request:

- 1. How much debt has the Council had at the end of the last financial year?*
- 2. What is the Council's current maximum limit for debt?*
- 3. Does the Council has intentions (for example plans, drafts, resolutions, discussions) to increase the amount of debt in the future? And if yes, by how much in what timeframe?*
- 4. How many people live in the area that the Council manages?*
- 5. From how many rating units does the Council collect rates?*

Our response:

1. **How much debt has the Council had at the end of the last financial year?**

\$723 million. Refer to Note 30 of the 2022-23 Annual Report 2022-23 available from the HCC website. Long term plan located here: <https://hamilton.govt.nz/strategies-plans-and-projects/long-term-plan/> and the Annual Plan located here: <https://hamilton.govt.nz/strategies-plans-and-projects/annual-plan/>

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2. **What is the Council's current maximum limit for debt?**

Per Annual Report 2022-23 Disclosure Statement, page 262. The quantified limit is that the debt to revenue ratio will remain below 300% in 2022, 295% in 2023, 290% in 2024, 285% in 2025 and 280% thereafter.

3. **Does the Council has intentions (for example plans, drafts, resolutions, discussions) to increase the amount of debt in the future? And if yes, by how much in what timeframe?**

Formalised plans, debt levels and timeframes are available from the published LTP and Annual Plan documents available on the Website as per the links above. You can sign up to be notified when we do public consultation here <https://hamilton.govt.nz/your-city/share-your-voice/current-consultations/>

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4. **How many people live in the area that the Council manages?**

179,900, from the Annual Report 2022-23, page 21 as per the link above.

5. **From how many rating units does the Council collect rates?**

62,849 Available from Local government disclosures, page 256 of the 2022-23 Annual Report available from the HCC website as per the link above.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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From: Tasman Democracy <democracy@tasman.org.nz>

Sent: Sunday, 7 January 2024 10:53 pm

To: democracy@tasman.org.nz

Subject: Request for official information // Council Debt

Dear Council,

I hereby request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the release of the following information:

1. How much debt has the Council had at the end of the last financial year?
2. What is the Council's current maximum limit for debt?
3. Does the Council has intentions (for example plans, drafts, resolutions, discussions) to increase the amount of debt in the future? And if yes, by how much in what timeframe?
4. How many people live in the area that the Council manages?
5. From how many rating units does the Council collect rates?

To avoid any unnecessary spending of public money, I am satisfied if you only release numbers to each of the questions above. There is no need to release any further documents or explanations. Thank you very much for your effort.

Kind regards

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Tasman Democracy