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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA, and to provide the information requested.

In your request, you asked for information about graduate and entry level roles specifically:

How many graduate and entry level roles were advertised/created by this council, if any, for each year from 2020 to 2026 (inclusive)? This may pertain to any position within the Council designed/intended for recent university graduates and does not exclude roles that were advertised, but not filled, due to lack of interest or appropriate candidates.

The request for this information has been made as part of an inquiry exploring potential patterns & changes in the number of available graduate roles in the public sector in consecutive years from 2020.

We can advise that, for the period from 2020 to 2026, we are aware of only one position specifically designed or intended for a recent university graduate. This was the Graduate Accountant role, which was advertised and filled in August 2022. The role was held until 2025 and is no longer a position within Council.

Prior to 2020, Council employed a Graduate Strategic Policy Analyst and a Graduate Three Waters Asset Officer; however, these positions are no longer part of Council's current or budgeted full-time equivalent (FTE) establishment.

While Council does offer an informal Summer Student programme and has cadetships within the Transport team, these roles do not meet the criteria outlined in your request.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that this response may be published on our website. All personal information will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Bewley', written in a cursive style.

David Bewley
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE