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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Consultation process for joining Communities 4 Local Democracy
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

03 May 2022

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for consultation process for joining Communities 4 Local Democracy

I refer to your official information request dated 01 May 2022 for the consultation process that Westland District Council took before joining the Communities 4 Local Democracy organisation.

You have asked what consultation did the Council undertake before joining the Communities 4 Local Democracy organisation?

This information is available on our website, therefore we are refusing your request under section 17(d) of LGOIMA that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

You can find the information here: <u>https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/property-rates-and-consents/water-services/three-waters-reform/</u>

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Officer at <u>LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz</u>, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive SB/MB