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Request from:	Bob Edlin – Point of Order
Information requested:	Information regarding Maori representation on Council
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

25 August 2021

Bob Edlin
Point of Order

Via Email:

Dear Bob

Official information request for information regarding Maori representation on Council

I refer to your official information request dated 23 August 2021 information regarding Maori representation on Council.

You have requested the following information:

1. Has your Council established a Maori ward?

No.

2. Or do you appoint Maori representatives to sit on Council committees?

Yes, we have representation from both Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio on all committees of Council and a seat at the full Council table (no voting rights).

3. If the latter, why does the Council prefer this form of representation for Maori?

Both Rūnanga prefer this type of representation. They prefer the chairs of the Rūnanga to be the representation for their Iwi.

4. Who makes the appointments?

By default it is the chairs of both Rūnanga. This is set out in a partnership agreement between Westland District Council and both Rūnanga.

5. Who are the appointees and which committees do they sit on?

Francois Tumahai – Chair of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Paul Madgwick – Chair of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio sit on the below committees:

- Capital Projects and Tenders Committee
- Planning Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Cycle and Walking Subcommittee
- Community Development Committee

Ema Weepu and James Mason Russell representation from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Jackie Douglas and Barry Wilson representation from Te Rūnanga o

Makaawhio sit on the Hokitika Waste Water Treatment Plant Oversight Subcommittee

6. Do they have voting powers?

Yes, on all committees

7. How much are they paid?

The iwi representatives for the Hokitika Waste Water Treatment Plant Oversight Subcommittee are paid \$250.00 each per meeting.

No payments are made for the other Committees.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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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 LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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