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## LGOIMA

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<b>Request from:</b>	Janna Sherman – Hokitika Guardian
<b>Information requested:</b>	Staff working from home
<b>Response by:</b>	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

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15 July 2022

Janna Sherman  
Reporter  
Hokitika Guardian

Via Email:

Dear Janna

**Official information request for Westland District Council Staffing information**

I refer to your official information request dated 17 June 2022 for Westland District Council Staffing information.

**You have asked for the following information:**

**1. How many staff does council currently have?**

67.

**2. How many current vacancies are there, and what are they?**

4 – Intermediate Planner, Senior Planner, Planning Manager, Senior Building Control Officer.

**3. How many new positions are proposed by the end of the year, and what are they?**

Zero.

**4. What is the proposed additional cost of these staff?**

N/A.

**5. How many staff still currently work from home?**

None

**6. How many staff live outside of Westland? Or split their time between:**

**a) Westland and Wellington?**

**b) Westland and Auckland?**

**c) Westland and Christchurch?**

We have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 26(1)(b) – the disclosure of the information would involve the unwarranted disclosure of the affairs of another person or of a deceased person.

**7. How many days a week, or month are each of these staff physically in the council building?**

We have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 26(1)(b) – the disclosure of the information would involve the unwarranted disclosure of the affairs of another person or of a deceased person.

**8. How many of these staff are in the executive team?**

We have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 26(1)(b) – the disclosure of the information would involve the unwarranted disclosure of the affairs of another person or of a deceased person.

**9. How many are senior staff?**

We have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 26(1)(b) – the disclosure of the information would involve the unwarranted disclosure of the affairs of another person or of a deceased person.

**10. Do these staff receive any travel/flight meal and accommodation allowances?**

We have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 26(1)(b) – the disclosure of the information would involve the unwarranted disclosure of the affairs of another person or of a deceased person.

**11. How much has been spent in**

**a) The last three years?**

**b) The last year to retain or attract staff in this way?**

We have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 26(1)(b) – the disclosure of the information would involve the unwarranted disclosure of the affairs of another person or of a deceased person.

**12. How is it funded?**

Operational costs are funded through rates.

**13. Is it correct a property owned by CE Simon Bastion is used as lodgings for travelling staff?**

We have decided to refuse your request under section 7(2)(a) – protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

**14. How much has been paid to this property in**

**a) The last three years?**

**b) The last year?**

We have decided to refuse your request under section 7(2)(a) – protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

**15. Has this been declared as a potential conflict of interest?**

Yes

**16. How many consultants do council currently have engaged for projects or to help in certain departments (i.e building department)**

**17. What is the total cost of consultants for**

**a) The last three years?**

**b) The last year?**

**18. How is this funded?**

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) 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 [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



**Simon Bastion** | Chief Executive

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