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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Council involvement in the Coast to Coast
Response by:	Lesley Crichton, Acting Chief Executive

19 July 2022

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for Coast to Coast information

I refer to your official information request dated 28 June 2022 for Coast to Coast information.

You have asked for the following information:

1. Why was Kumara beach chosen to hold the start of the event, with the rest of New Zealand available, was there a specific reason; tourism exposure etc.?
2. With Coast to Coast on, do you have to close down road in Kumara and the area? Does this mean it affects the locals and their personal plans? Are they expected to make plans around this event or are there still options available for them to do other things? What is the process of this?
3. Did the Westland District Council have much input into the final decisions of the marathon? Or was it all/mostly planned by the Robin Judkins and his friends? Did you have any requirements for home event to take place?
4. Did they have to gain the consent of the Kumara locals or businesses before the council itself said yes to the event? If so, how did you get so many people to agree to the event if it crowds their town since the race is booked out far in advance?
5. How do you notify the Kumara people that the event is on? Is this your responsibility or down to the marathon company? If you do this, how so?
6. Do you have any special conditions for the Coast to Coast to go ahead each year? Is it expected that the company will give back to your community somehow or anything else? What's your stance on police at this event? Is it heavily guarded or do you feel like its safe enough for the people since there's so many participants?
7. If you have any information on how the public's opinion had an effect on the final decisions through the council and making of the event. How were people's values, beliefs and perspectives taken into account with the council?

Council was not involved in setting up and the continued running of the Coast to Coast. Any road closures that are needed go through the appropriate process with Council and Waka Kotahi. As per procedure, a notification in the local paper is published, with any objections or feedback are then dealt with appropriately.

For any questions regarding Police presence, you would need to contact them directly.

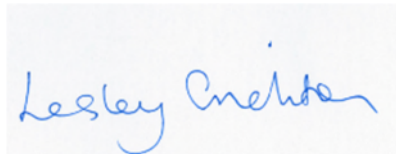
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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Officer at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesley Crichton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light blue rectangular box.

Lesley Crichton | Acting Chief Executive

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