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Request from:	Lee Scanlon – Westport News
Information requested:	Council annual remuneration
Response from:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

17 November 2020

Lee Scanlon
Chief Reporter
The News

Via Email:

Dear Lee

Official information request for information regarding Council annual remuneration.

I refer to your official information request dated 07 October 2020 for information regarding Council annual remuneration.

You have asked for the following information (your numbering):

1. The remuneration of your council's mayor/chair for 2019/20.

This information can be found on page 40, in the 2019/20 Annual Report on Council's website:

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/FINAL%20Annual%20Report%202019-20%20%20-%202.11.2020.pdf>

2. All ratepayer-funded expenses which are not part of the remuneration package for your mayor/chair for 2019/20 including: travel, vehicle, fuel, accommodation, food/beverages, conference fees, phone, membership fees (eg Koru Club). Please list individual items/events separately so it is clear where costs have been incurred.

Travel	
Inductions	\$535.00
Rural and Provincial Meeting	\$351.00
Total	\$886.00
Accommodation	
Inductions	\$441.00
Rural and Provincial Meeting	\$372.00
Zone 5 & 6 Local Government Meeting	\$313.00
Total	\$1,126.00

Meals	
Inductions	\$31.00
Rural and Provincial Meeting	\$153.00
Mayors and Chairs Meeting	\$26.00
Fox Glacier Meeting	\$17.00
Hokitika Meetings	\$119.00
Total	\$346.00
Vehicle	

Total	\$1450.00
Conference Fees	
Mayors Induction Workshop 2019	\$945.00
Total	\$945.00
Subscriptions	
Nil	
Phone	
Total	\$567.32

3. The remuneration package for your council's chief executive for 2019/20 (components separately listed please).

This information can be found on page 40, in the 2019/20 Annual Report on Council's website:

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/FINAL%20Annual%20Report%202019-20%20%20-%202.11.2020.pdf>

4. All ratepayer-funded expenses, which are not part of the remuneration package, for your council's chief executive for 2019/20 including: travel, vehicle, fuel, accommodation, food/beverages, conference fees, membership fees (eg Koru Club, professional organisations). Please list individual items/events separately so it is clear where costs have been incurred.

Travel	
LGNZ Conference	\$1,800.00
Rural and Provincial Meeting	\$1,184.00
Total	\$2,984.00

Accommodation	
LGNZ Conference	\$741.00
Rural and Provincial Meeting	\$545.00
Zone 5 & 6 Local Government Meeting	\$313.00
Civil Defence Meeting Dunedin	\$67.00
Total	\$2,274.00
Meals	
Rural and Provincial Meeting Wellington	\$39.00
Total	\$39.00
Conference Fees	
Māori Language training	\$104.00
Zone 5 & 6 Meeting registration Oamaru	\$155.00
Total	\$259.00
Subscriptions	
SOLGM membership	\$275.00
Total	\$275.00

5. The current remuneration package for your council's chief executive (components separately listed please) if it has changed since June 30, 2019.

This information can be found in the 2018/19 Annual Report on Council's website:

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/FINAL%20Annual%20Report%202018-19%20with%20Audit%20Opinion.pdf>

6. Does the Mayor/Chair and/or Chief Executive have a Council credit card? If so, what rules apply to its use?

I advise that the Mayor and Chief Executive do not have a Council credit card.

7. What was the number of FTE staff employed by your council at June 30, 2019?

This information can be found in the 2019/20 Annual Report on Council's website:

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/FINAL%20Annual%20Report%202019-20%20%20-%202.11.2020.pdf>

8. What were your council's total staff costs for the year ended June 30, 2019?

This information can be found in the 2019/20 Annual Report on Council's website:

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/FINAL%20Annual%20Report%202019-20%20%20-%202.11.2020.pdf>

9. What percentage did staff costs comprise of your council's operating spending?

15.90%.

10. What was the average cost per FTE employee?

\$77,615.00.

11. How many staff were employed in each salary band?

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12. Please supply your council's legal expenses for 2019/20 and what the expenses related to.

Legal Advice	
Infringements	\$2,974.00
Enforcement order	\$23,068.00
Contracts	\$10,212.00
Audit letters	\$417.00
Land matters	\$23,221.00
Local Government Funding Agency	\$9,322.00
Land Purchase	\$2,605.00

Confidential	\$23,687.00
Rating matters	\$6,830.00
Coastal and marine advice	\$568.00
Total	\$102,904.00

13. How much did the legal expenses comprise of your council's operating expenses (and what was that operating cost)?

0.4% if operating costs.

14. What was the average cost per rateable property of your council's legal bills?

\$15.71

15. How much did your council pay for professional public relations/communications advice in 2019/20 (including any expenses for consultants)?

\$15,961.00

16. To whom was this advice provided – councillors, staff, or both and in what form (e.g. written report, workshop)?

Provided to both Councillors and Staff in written form.

17. How much has your council paid for professional public relations/communications advice since June 30, 2020?

Nil.

18. To whom was this advice provided – councillors, staff, or both – and in what form (e.g. written report, workshop)?

Not applicable.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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

Sincerely,



Simon Bastion | Chief Executive