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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Rates attributed to Council amenities that require vaccine passes
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

04 March 2022

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for rates attributed to Council amenities that require vaccine passes

I refer to your official information request dated 24 February 2022 for rates attributed to Council amenities that require vaccine passes.

You have asked for the following information:

1. A full list of council funded amenities that will require a vaccination pass as a condition of entry
 - Hokitika Swimming Pool. Please note, this is not free entry, there is still a cost to use this facility.
 - Hokitika Library, though a vaccine pass is required for entry, this does not stop anyone's use of the facilities. You are able to use the website to browse and search for your book and use the click and collect feature.
 - The Hokitika Museum. The museum has been closed to the public before any Covid-19 rules had come into place. Public research enquires are via email and phone only, information is provided in the same way.
 - Westland District Council HQ. The council building is open for business as usual with restricted hours, for receipt of payments. Alternative payment options are available to those that do not have a vaccine pass, and online payments are encouraged. Appointments to discuss issues with staff, such as Rates, Planning and Building, can still be conducted by phone. As such, access to services for those without a vaccine pass has not been denied, only access to the Council building has.

2. The proportion of our council rates attributed to those amenities
 - The Hokitika Swimming pool rate is 12% of the Hokitika Community Rate, not from the total rates.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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the Privacy Act 2020. Westland District Council's Privacy Statement is available on our website [here](#)

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 black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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