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Request from:	Janna Sherman – Hokitika Guardian
Information requested:	Staffing numbers
Response by:	Scott Baxendale, Acting Chief Executive

29 July 2024

Janna Sherman
Hokitika Guardian

Via Email: janna.sherman@hokitikaguardian.co.nz

Dear Janna

Official information request for a breakdown of staffing numbers

I refer to your official information request dated 16 July 2024 for a breakdown of staffing numbers.

You have asked for the following information:

1. How many staff does your council have currently (FTE's)?

70

2. How many vacancies are there unfilled?

2.

3. What was the staffing number in 2023, and what was the staffing number in 2022?

We are refusing this part of your request under section 17(d) of LGOIMA that the information request is or will soon be publicly available. This information can be found in the Annual reports on the Council website here: <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/annual-plans-and-reports/>

4. Are you able to provide a breakdown by each department?

Regulatory and Community Services: 27.844

District Assets: 13.738

Corporate Services: 16.938

Planning: 7.838

Chief Executive: 4.356

5. How many staff work from home?

1.

6. How many staff work outside of the region (not including consultants)?

1 as above.

7. How much has been spent in the last three years on costs related to travel, accommodation on any other costs as a result of having staff based outside of the West Coast (not including consultants)

We are refusing this part of your request under section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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 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, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Scott Baxendale', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Baxendale | Acting Chief Executive

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