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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Westland Racecourse Development Information
Response by:	Barbara Phillips, Chief Executive

06 December 2024

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for Westland Racecourse Development information

I refer to your official information request dated 07 November 2024 for Westland Racecourse Development information.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. Can you provide where the Hokitika Racecourse Development full stage planning, feasibility and budget was shown in the Long Term Plan 2021 – 31?**

The purpose of the Long Term Plan is to give an overview of Council's intentions of projects, development and services for the term. The Long Term Plan is not intended to contain the full stage detailed planning, feasibility and budget.

- 2. What information was shown to all Westland Ratepayer and any others of interest of the Westland Racecourse development at the time of Long Term Plan 2021 – 31?**

You can find the information on the Council website here: <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/sdrm1ujw/adopted-consultation-document-ltp-2021-31-with-audit-report.pdf>

This consultation document was available on the website and as part of the drop-in sessions during the engagement period (question 3).

- 3. Where has Council made Special Consultation and full plans/feasibility/programme timing?**

Community engagement was part of the LTP engagement following this, drop-in sessions were held in the Hokitika area to gather ideas, concerns and any feedback regarding the development of the space.

- 4. Who made decisions to go forth with hiring of consultants Joseph & Associates and East West Development Ltd without Special Consultation?**

The hiring of Joseph and Associates is an operational decision and fell under the allowable limit of CE approval, therefore was not subject to Council approval. Joseph and Associates have worked with Council on previous projects and have a good understanding of the engagement and tendering processes Westland District Council use.

East West Development Ltd took part in the tendering process for purchase of the residential lots. This was in accordance with Westland District Council's procurement policy. This policy can be found on council website here: <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/mc2ba4rc/policy-on-procurement.pdf>

East West Development Ltd tender was then approved as the successful tender by the Council on the 29th of August 2024

5. What is the estimate of expenses to date including staffing and infrastructure so far?

Staff costings are not recorded specifically in regard to this project as this is considered as part of the overall duties within roles.

IAF (Infrastructure Acceleration Fund) funding will cover the costs of the development. There are no expenses to Westland District Council at the end of the project.

6. Who authorised the spending to this stage as shown on 7th November 2024?

Westland District Council.

You can find further information, including documentation, plans, designs, agendas and minutes relating to the development of the Racecourse on the Council website here: <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/your-council/key-projects/hokitika-racecourse-development/>

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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,



Barbara Phillips | Chief Executive

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