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<b>Request from:</b>	Lee Scanlon – Westport News
<b>Information requested:</b>	Contractor and consultant costs for the 2023/24 financial year
<b>Response by:</b>	Barbara Phillips, Chief Executive

19 March 2025

Lee Scanlon  
The News

Via Email: [lee@westportnews.co.nz](mailto:lee@westportnews.co.nz)

Dear Lee

**Official information request for contractor and consultant costs for the 2023/24 financial year**

I refer to your official information request dated 26 February 2025 for contractor and consultant costs for the 2023/24 financial year.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. How much did your council spend on consultants in the 2023/24 financial year? Please provide the name of the contractor, the total they have received, the type of service they provided and the council department to which they provided the service.**

Consultant costs by Department	Description	Cost	Number of consultants
Council	Elected member training and support	\$182,143	5
Resource Management	Planning advice	\$53,243	6
Building Control	Building consent advice	\$794	1
Civil Defence	Emergency Operations Centre assistance	\$40,991	3
Council Headquarters	Headquarters building assessments	-\$30,212	5
In-house Professional Services		\$181,675	
Information Services	Information Services support services	\$19,785	3
Museum	Collection advice	\$29,710	1
Land & Buildings	Asset Management	\$150,118	28
Land Transportation		\$87,792	2
Solid Waste		\$4,100	1
Waste Minimisation		\$4,103	1
Water Services		\$4,820	1
West Coast Wilderness Trail	Design safety improvements	\$5,756	3
Corporate Services	Treasury support	\$54,912	3
Office of the Chief Executive	Feasibility support	\$48,065	2
Human Resources	Recruitment services	\$42,044	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>879,839</b>	
<b>Number of consultants</b>			<b>72</b>

2. How much did your council spend on contractors in the 2023/24 financial year? Please provide the name of the contractor, the total they have received, the type of service they provided and the council department to which they provided the service.

Contractor cost by department	Description	Cost	Number of contractors
Building Control	Consent processing	114,205	7
Liquor licensing	Hearing expenses	19798	3
Regulatory & Compliance	Noise control	2579	1
Planning	Consent processing	204517	5
Emergency Management	Storm damage	25614	1
Road Safety	Road Safety Coordinator	51394	1
Parks & Reserves	Project management	1492	1
Township maintenance	Waste bins contract	193240	3
Mayors Taskforce for Jobs	Coordinator	112050	1 Externally funded
Public Toilets	Cleaning and cleaning supplies	25272	3
Responsible Camping	Compliance and education	396000	1 Externally funded
Wastewater	Wastewater Treatment Plant committee expenses	1750	4
In-house professional services	Project management	10588	3
Library	Cataloguing services	11302	1
Museum	Crane hire	1200	1
Events	Small events grants	11900	6
Corporate Services	Payroll services	12822	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1195723</b>	
<b>Number of consultants</b>			<b>43</b>

3. How many consultants did your council hire in the 2023/24 financial year? Please breakdown these figures into the number of consultants for each council department.

Please refer to the answer to Question 1 for information.

4. How many contractors did your council hire in the 2023/24 financial year? Please breakdown these figures into the number of contractors for each council department.

Please refer to the answer to Question 2 for information.

5. How much did your council's spend on consultants equate to as a percentage of council's total operating and capital spending?

Consultants to Operating Expenditure – 2.08%

Consultants to Capital Expenditure 5.80%

**6. How much did your council's spend on contractors equate to as a percentage of council's total operating and capital spending?**

Contractors to Operating Expenditure - 2.82%

Contractors to Capital Expenditure – 7.88%

**7. How much did your council spend on consultants equate to as a percentage to council's rate take?**

Consultants to rates 4.66%

**8. How much did your council's spend on contractors equate to as a percentage of council's rate take?**

Contractors to rates 6.33%

**9. Which (if any) of the consultants were former or current council staff?**

Zero

**10. Which (if any) of the contractors were former or current council staff?**

Two

There will be no charge in supplying this information to you.

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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](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



**Barbara Phillips** | Chief Executive

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