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## LGOIMA

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<b>Request from:</b>	Lee Scanlon, The News
<b>Information requested:</b>	Council annual remuneration
<b>Response by:</b>	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

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20 December 2021

Lee Scanlon  
Chief Reporter  
The News

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

Dear Lee

**Official information request for information regarding Council annual remuneration.**

I refer to your official information request dated 19 October 2021 for information regarding Council annual remuneration.

You have asked for the following information:

**1) The remuneration of your council's Mayor/Chair for 2020/21 (30 June 2020 – 1 July 2021)?**

Previously answered.

**2) All ratepayer-funded expenses which are not part of the remuneration package for your Mayor/Chair for 2020/21 including: travel, vehicle, fuel, accommodation, food/beverages, conference fees, phone, membership fees (e.g. Koru Club)?**

<b>Travel</b>	
Wellington October 2020	983.09
Wellington November 2020	1,020.32
Wanaka March 2021	16.00
Wellington June 2021	262.20
	<b>2,281.61</b>
<b>Vehicle</b>	None
<b>Fuel</b>	None
<b>Accommodation</b>	
Wellington October 2020	148.35
Haast November 2020	134.61
Fox glacier November 2020	191.18
Franz Josef November 2020	169.83
Fox glacier November 2020	140.78

Wellington November 2020	320.78
Wanaka March 2021	407.82
Haast June 2021	152.42
	<b>1,665.77</b>
<b>Food/beverages</b>	
Haast November 2020	30.43
Franz Josef November 2020	36.63
Fox glacier November 2020	15.65
Wellington November 2020	309.65
Haast June 2021	44.78
	<b>437.14</b>
<b>Conference fees</b>	
Minerals west coast	318.53
LGNZ conference	1,739.13
	<b>2,057.66</b>
<b>Phone</b>	None
<b>Membership fees</b>	None
<b>Professional subscriptions</b>	None

**3) The remuneration package for your council's Chief Executive for 2020/21 (components separately listed please)?**

As per the annual report found on our website here:

[https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/i1ti05yt/20211221\\_final-annual-report-2020-2021-audit-approved.pdf](https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/i1ti05yt/20211221_final-annual-report-2020-2021-audit-approved.pdf)

**4) All ratepayer-funded expenses, which are not part of the remuneration package, for your council's Chief Executive for 2020/21 including: travel, vehicle, fuel, accommodation, food/beverages, conference fees, phone, membership fees (e.g. Koru Club)?**

<b>Travel</b>	
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Wellington October 2020	521.02
Wellington November 2020	715.78
Wanaka October	883.82
	<b>2,120.62</b>
<b>Vehicle</b>	None
<b>Fuel</b>	None
<b>Accommodation</b>	
Ashburton October 2020	473.95
Franz Josef November 2020	169.83
Wellington November 2020	472.51
Haast November 2020	173.77
	<b>1,290.06</b>
<b>Food/beverages</b>	
Franz Josef August 2020	43.04
Ashburton October 2020	34.78
Fox Glacier August 2020	174.35
Haast November 2020	51.30
Franz Josef November 2020	36.63
Franz Josef June 2021	238.17
Haast June 2021	46.09
	<b>624.36</b>
<b>Conference fees</b>	
LGNZ conference	1,713.04
<b>Phone</b>	None
<b>Membership fees</b>	
SOLGM	275.00

<b>Professional subscriptions</b>	None

- 5) The current remuneration package for your council's Chief Executive (components separately listed please) if it has changed since 30 June 2021?**

Salary - \$248,544  
Kiwisaver - \$7,456

- 6) Does your Mayor/Chair and/or Chief Executive have a council credit card? If so, what rules apply to its use?**

Previously answered.

- 7) What was the number of FTE staff employed by your council at 30 June 2021?**

As per the annual report found on our website here:

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- 8) What were your council's total staff costs for the year ended 30 June 2021?**

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- 9) What percentage did staff costs comprise of your council's operating spending?**

17.1%

- 10) What was the average cost per FTE employee?**

\$75,262

- 11) How many staff were employed in each salary band?**

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- 12) Please supply your council's legal expenses for 2020/21 and what the expenses related to?**

Total \$137,245

\$70,401 Democracy  
\$678 Dog Infringements  
\$10,420 Planning matters  
\$10,915 lease agreements  
\$18,015 Easements  
\$3,783 Rating matters  
\$23,032 Chief Executive legal advice

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

0.5%

Operating costs \$27,695,000

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

\$20.88

**15) How much did your council pay for professional public relations/communications advice in 2020/21 (including an expenses for consultants)?**

None

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

N/A

**17) How much has your council paid for professional public relations/communication advices since 30 June 2021?**

None

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

N/A

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](https://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, Senior Administration Officer at [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



**Simon Bastion** | Chief Executive

SB/MB

21 October 2021

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You have asked for the following information:

**19) The remuneration of your council's Mayor/Chair for 2020/21 (30 June 2020 – 1 July 2021)**

\$87,865.85

**6) Does your Mayor/Chair and/or Chief Executive have a council credit card? If so, what rules apply to its use?**

No

As advised in the letter dated 20 October 2021, the rest of the survey will be answered by 16 December 2021.

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