

LGOIMA Response to Jessica Durham from Alcohol Harm Reduction Project

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Dear Jessica,

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, received by the Gore District Council on Tuesday 5 November. You asked for the following:

- 1. How many off-licences were operating in your territorial authority boundaries as at 30 June 2024 (if you cannot confirm at that specific date, how many off-licences do you currently have operating in your territorial authority boundaries? Please confirm which date you have used)*
- 2. What are your current recruitment criteria and qualification requirements for appointing DLC Members and Chairs?*
- 3. What procedures have you implemented to give effect to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill Amendments?*
- 4. What tikanga protocols have you implemented to give effect to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill Amendments?*
- 5. Have you seen any notable changes in community participation since implementation of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill?*

Council has reviewed your request and provides the following responses:

1. As at 30 June 2024, we have 12 off-licences.
2. Council does not have any specific criteria and qualifications for members and chairs are appointed following each election involving elected members only.
3. This is something that is on our programme of work to be completed over the next 6-12 months.
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5. No, we have not.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.  
If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on 209-0330.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Straith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lorna Straith  
General Manager Corporate Support / Chief Financial Officer