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18 November 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 5 November 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to District Licensing Committee. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

***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)***

21 Off-licenses were operating as at 30 June 2024.

***What are your current recruitment criteria and qualification requirements for appointing DLC Members and Chairs?***

When recruiting consideration is given to the following

- Experience relevant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
- Work matters relevant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
- Background and transferrable skills suitable for the role.
- Police vetting is undertaken prior to appointment.

***What procedures have you implemented to give effect to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill Amendments?***

Suitable processes were already in place prior to the amendments coming into force to enable this. This includes Public Notices being advertised on the Horowhenua District Council website allowing objections to be submitted from all areas of New Zealand.

Internal checks are also undertaken for all objections to be reviewed as they come in.

***What tikanga protocols have you implemented to give effect to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill Amendments?***

Horowhenua District Council's District Licensing Committee has been briefed and review currently underway on the requirements for tikanga protocols under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill Amendments. One of these considerations is how tikanga for DLC meetings needs to be conducted in conjunction with Mana Whenua.

***Have you seen any notable changes in community participation since implementation of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill?***

No change observed. We have not received any objections to applications since the implementation of the amendments.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey (Group Manager Community Experience and Services) on [brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz), or [LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz).

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