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Thanks Mark for your phone call request as to why the Stokes Valley Times, Taita Times and Vibrant Hutt publications were not made available at any of the Council hubs or libraries.

I advise that this decision was made as the publications appear to favour one or a group of candidates over others. This decision was in place only for the duration of the pre-election period.

Our practice during the pre-election period is that Council resources should not be used in a way that advantages some candidates over others. We believe the above publications being displayed in our premises falls into that category.

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