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Tēnā koe Jessica

Request for Information pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 January 2023, in which you have requested alcohol licensing statistics for the 2022 calendar year in Hutt City Council's territory.

The information you have requested is attached to this correspondence. To the best of our knowledge this information is correct, as not all answers could be attained from a report pulled from our database and from staff memory of the applications.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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Susan Sales Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

Encl: Responses to Questions of 11 January 2023

Licensing statistics for the 2022 calendar year in Hutt City Council's territory

1. How many new off-licence applications were approved? - 4

2. How many new off-licence applications were objected to? -2 (one of these had the objections withdrawn and was granted, and the other has since withdrawn their application)

3. How many new off-licence applications were opposed by reporting agencies? – 2 (opposition withdrawn for one, application withdrawn for the other)

4. How many off-licence renewal applications were approved? - 22

5. How many off-licence renewal applications were objected to? - 0

6. How many off-licence renewal applications were opposed by reporting agencies? -0

7. How many new off-licence applications were declined? 0

8. How many new off-licence applications were withdrawn? - 2

9. Please advise the business names and addresses which had new off-licence applications declined. – **N/A**

10. How many off-licence renewal applications were declined? - 0

11. How many off-licence renewal applications were withdrawn? - 1

12. Please advise the business names and addresses which had off-licence renewal applications declined. – N/A

13. How many new on-licence applications were approved? - 11

14. How many new on-licence applications were objected to? - 1

15. How many new on-licence applications were opposed by reporting agencies? - 0

16. How many on-licence renewal applications were approved? - 31

17. How many on-licence renewal applications were objected to? - 0

18. How many on-licence renewal applications were opposed by reporting agencies? - 1

19. How many new on-licence applications were declined? - 0

20. How many new on-licence applications were withdrawn? - 0

21. Please advise the business names and addresses which had new on-licence applications

declined. - N/A

22. How many on-licence renewal applications were declined? - 0

23. How many on-licence renewal applications were withdrawn? - 0

24. Please advise the business names and addresses which had on-licence renewal applications declined. – N/A

Note that in respect to questions 3, 6, 15 and 18, the agencies have opposed some renewal licenses initially, with the opposition subsequently being withdrawn after meeting with the applicant resulting in an outcome that satisfied any concerns. In these instances, our records are finalised as showing that there was 'no opposition' and we are unable to report that they had previously been opposed. We are unable to access this information to provide specific numbers.

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