

Minutes of a Full Council Workshop

Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 1.00pm
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown

A recording of this workshop can be found on the QLDC website.

Present:	Mayor John Glover (Chair)	Councillor Gavin Bartlett (from 1.31pm)
	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Councillor Niki Gladding (online)	Councillor Nicola King (online)
	Councillor Jon Mitchell (online)	Councillor Cody Tucker
	Councillor Quentin Smith	
Apologies:	Simon Flood	Councillor Heath Copland
In Attendance:	Michelle Morss	Katherine Harbrow (online)
	Meaghan Miller	Gareth Noble (online)
	Brendan Peet	Shane O'Hare*
	Sara Irvine*	Rachel Tregidga*
	Todd Grace*	Melissa Brook*
	Andrew Williamson*	Anita Vanstone
	Alice Balme	Charlotte Robertson
	Jane Robertson	

* Members of Queenstown Airport Corporation Senior Leadership Team

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) Statement of Intent</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to enable elected members to have an open discussion with QAC senior officers on the Draft Statement of Intent (SOI) and provide their feedback before agreeing it in June 2026.</p> <p>Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporation Services) presented the item and invited Mr O'Hare (Chief Executive, QAC) to comment on airport activities and the contents of the SOI (Attachment B).</p> <p>QAC Performance, Growth and Infrastructure Developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QAC reported strong financial results and passenger growth, with major infrastructure projects (parallel taxiway, Airport House, terminal redevelopment) progressing in line with the Master Plan. Growth forecasts remain within existing noise limits until 2030. 	<p>QAC asked for a meeting with QLDC Risk & Assurance Committee so that discussions can continue.</p>

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	<p>Key Council Concerns: Growth, Transport, Emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors raised concerns about tourism-driven growth, pressure on transport networks (especially due to rental cars) and the need for clearer reporting on aviation emissions. • Refined KPI's and better transparency on growth assumptions needed to be included in the SOI. <p>Governance Alignment and Future Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council and QAC acknowledged the need to better align the SOE, SOI, QAC 10-Year Strategic Plan and Council's LTP. Further workshops and committee engagement were proposed, including clearer gateway decision points and improved reporting on land use and strategic risks. <p>Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Presentation – QAC Draft SOI Workshop</i> <i>Attachment B: Draft Statement of Intent (to 30 June 2027)</i></p>			
2.	<p><u>Proposed Variation to Coneburn Special Housing Area (SHA) Deed (Public Excluded)</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1178 1198 1995"> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 1178 496 1995">7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege</td> <td data-bbox="496 1178 1198 1995"> <p>Withholding this information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege. The workshop discussion will include legal advice provided to Council regarding the Coneburn SHA Deed, the current dispute process, risks associated with litigation, and potential implications of different negotiation pathways. Releasing this information would undermine Council's ability to receive and rely on confidential legal advice and could prejudice Council's position in any ongoing or future dispute resolution or court proceedings. Protecting privileged material ensures that Council can make informed decisions with the benefit of candid legal assessment without compromising its legal strategy.</p> <p><i>Public Interest Consideration</i> While there is a public interest in this item, the importance of maintaining legal professional privilege (identified above) outweighs that consideration.</p> </td> </tr> </table>	7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege	<p>Withholding this information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege. The workshop discussion will include legal advice provided to Council regarding the Coneburn SHA Deed, the current dispute process, risks associated with litigation, and potential implications of different negotiation pathways. Releasing this information would undermine Council's ability to receive and rely on confidential legal advice and could prejudice Council's position in any ongoing or future dispute resolution or court proceedings. Protecting privileged material ensures that Council can make informed decisions with the benefit of candid legal assessment without compromising its legal strategy.</p> <p><i>Public Interest Consideration</i> While there is a public interest in this item, the importance of maintaining legal professional privilege (identified above) outweighs that consideration.</p>	
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The workshop concluded at 3.10pm.