

Minutes of a Smart Growth Workshop

Tuesday 7 July 2026 in
the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown,
commencing at 11.00am

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

Present:	Mayor Cody Tucker (Chair)	Councillor Jon Mitchell
	Councillor Melissa White	Councillor Quentin Smith (online)
	Councillor Heath Copland	
In attendance:	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Councillor Nikki Gladding (online)
	Pennie Pearce	Anita Vanstone
	Emily Irwin	Liz Simpson
	Gabrielle Marsh	Fiona Blight
	Onur Oktem	Ruby Mills
	Cameron Wood (online)	Catriona Lamont (online)
	Mary Davenport (online)	
Media	One member of the media	
Public	None	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<u>Strategic Growth 12-Month Work Programme</u> The purpose of this workshop was to seek feedback and direction on the Strategic Growth Programme priorities and proposed reporting arrangements for the Smart Growth Committee. Anita Vanstone (Strategic Growth Manager), Gabrielle Marsh (Spatial Plan Project Manager), Liz Simpson (Strategic Planner - Future Development) and Emily Irwin (Senior Strategic Planner) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Key points of discussion included: Implementation of the Spatial Plan, including potential preparation for regional/sub-regional spatial planning.	None.

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	• Housing affordability challenges and the need for tools that deliver genuinely affordable housing rather than simply increasing housing supply. • The importance of robust growth forecasting, monitoring and data-driven decision-making to support planning, investment and growth management activities. • The value of clear advocacy and communication was acknowledged, particularly in relation to presenting a clear, consistent message, improving visual communication of growth issues, and strengthening advocacy on matters such as affordable housing, infrastructure investment and fast-track developments. <u>Attachment A: Workshop PowerPoint presentation</u>	

The workshop concluded at 12.44pm.