

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Thursday 21 May 2026
in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown
commencing at 1.00pm

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

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| Present: | Mayor John Glover | Councillor Gavin Bartlett |
| | Councillor Melissa White | Councillor Matt Wong |
| | Councillor Heath Copland | Councillor Stephen Brent |
| | Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk | Councillor Nicola King (online) |
| | Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith (online) | Councillor Niki Gladding (online) |
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| Apologies: | Councillor Cody Tucker | Councillor Jon Mitchell |
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| In attendance: | Michelle Morss | Katherine Harbrow |
| | Ken Bailey | Tony Avery |
| | Dave Wallace | Pennie Pearce |
| | Meaghan Miller | Ian Dunbar |
| | Alison Tomlinson | Brent Pearce |
| | Simon Mason | Roger Davidson |
| | Paul Speedy | Dave Winterburn |
| | Kay Banyard | Maia Bennett |
| | Aoife McMahon | Dominique Behn |
| | Alex Martin | Georgia Pringle |
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| Media | None | |
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| Public | None | |

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| 1. | <p><u>Long Term Plan Steering Group 4</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to provide Councillors with an overview of the updated Steering Group schedule and sequencing of upcoming sessions and enable discussion on the draft Activity Plans (for Transport, Waste Management, Property and Strategic Projects, Parks and Reserves, Libraries and Sports, Recreation and Community Venues), that have been developed and seek Councillor feedback and guidance.</p> | |

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| | <p>Katherine Harbrow (General Manager, Assurance, Finance & Risk) and Ian Dunbar (Organisation Performance Manager) introduced the item and advised the session would be separated into six draft Activity Plans.</p> <p>1. <u>Transport</u></p> <p>Tony Avery (General Manager, Property & Infrastructure), Alison Tomlinson (Strategic Asset Manager), Brent Pearce (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning Manager), Simon Mason (Infrastructure Operations Manager) presented the draft Transport Activity Plan.</p> <p>Main discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council officers advised they are providing more granularity of service levels in this draft Activity Plan. • There was discussion around being more explicit with transport priorities and ensuring Council's priorities are aligned with NZTA's. • There was discussion around road repairs and how this process could be improved. <p>2. <u>Waste Management</u></p> <p>Mr Avery, Mr Mason, Mr Pearce and Ms Tomlinson presented the draft Waste Management Activity Plan.</p> <p>Main discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Councillor asked if this draft Activity Plan was aspirational enough and could Council be doing more. • Mr Mason advised QLDC are currently ahead of other councils in the waste management space, but there is always more work to be done. <p>3. <u>Property & Strategic Projects</u></p> <p>Mr Avery, Roger Davidson (Property Director), Ms Tomlinson and Paul Speedy (Strategic Project Manager) presented the draft Property & Strategic Projects Activity Plan.</p> <p>Main discussion points:</p> | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion of creating more nuance around the required KPIs for Council owned buildings. • There was discussion of better utilising commercial assets to help build revenue for Council. <p>4. <u>Parks & Reserves</u></p> <p>Ken Bailey (General Manager, Community Services), Dave Winterburn (Parks Manager) and Kat Banyard (Senior Parks Advisor) presented the draft Parks & Reserves Activity Plan.</p> <p>Main discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion of focusing on the opportunities the existing Council owned parks, reserves and spaces can create. • One Councillor indicated that levels of service could better reflected the objectives outlined in the draft Activity Plan. • Council officers advised that Parks & Reserves related objectives have climate and biodiversity aspects weaved into them. <p>5. <u>Libraries</u></p> <p>Mr Bailey, Maia Bennett (District Collections Librarian), Aoife McMahon (Branch Library Manager) and Dominique Behn (Digital Services Librarian) presented the draft Libraries Activity Plan.</p> <p>Main discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the challenge is to create a libraries model for the future that supports high population growth. • There was discussion about how best to support the Hāwea library with the rapid population growth happening in Hāwea. • There was brief discussion of investing in social infrastructure (e.g. libraries) in the Long Term Plan 2027/37. | |

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| | <p>6. <u>Sport, Recreation & Community Venues</u></p> <p>Mr Bailey and Alex Martin (Sport & Recreation Manager) presented the draft Sport, Recreation & Community Venues Activity Plan.</p> <p>Main discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors asked how Council can identify land for new sport and recreation facilities. • Mr Bailey advised there is currently a lot of demand for multi-sports and spaces for multi-sports. | |

The workshop concluded at 4.31pm.