

**Minutes of an Asset & Infrastructure Committee Workshop**

Tuesday 12 May in  
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown,  
commencing at 2.00pm

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

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Gavin Bartlett (Chair)	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Councillor Cody Tucker (online)
	Councillor Quentin Smith (online)	
<b>Apologies:</b>	None	
<b>In attendance:</b>	Mayor John Glover	Councillor Melissa White
	Councillor Niki Gladding	Councillor Heath Copland
	Councillor Jon Mitchell	Councillor Matt Wong
	Councillor Nicola King (online)	Tony Avery
	Pennie Pearce	Brendan Peet
	Arne Burgess	Julian Elder
	Maseina Koneferenisi	Georgia Pringle
<b>Media</b>	Two members of the media	
<b>Public</b>	None	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><b><u>Shotover Wastewater Treatment Disposal Next Steps</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to brief all Councillors and gain feedback on the proposed next steps for responding to Resolution 3 of the March 19, 2026, Full Council resolution on the preferred option for Shotover Wastewater Treatment Plant. The full resolution is outlined in Attachment B.</p> <p>Tony Avery (General Manager, Property &amp; Infrastructure) and Pennie Pearce (General Manager, Strategy &amp; Policy) presented the item and spoke to Attachment A.</p> <p>The main discussion points were:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Avery noted that with the final decision deadline in March 2027, most of the required work needs to be completed before Christmas.</li> <li>• The group discussed the assumptions of the Shotover Wastewater Disposal options, including whether there should be one joint land-disposal site or several separate sites.</li> <li>• Ms Pearce provided an overview of the Integrated Stakeholder Engagement process.</li> <li>• Mayor Glover noted that Council needs to hear from Mana Whenua about how they want to move forward.</li> <li>• Councillors generally agreed that they are comfortable with the broad scope of the next steps outlined and noted that adding a Communications workstream would help keep the public informed as the work progresses.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Attachments</u></b>  <i>Attachment A: March 19 Council Resolution</i>  <i>Attachment B: Presentation</i></p>					
2.	<p><b><u>Shotover Wastewater Treatment Disposal - Mediation &amp; Iwi Engagement Update (PUBLIC EXCLUDED)</u></b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1301 1219 1998"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="300 1301 735 1339">Sections and Grounds</th> <th data-bbox="735 1301 1219 1339">Reason for this Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 1339 735 1998">           7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege             7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)         </td> <td data-bbox="735 1339 1219 1998">           Council will be provided an update on recent legal steps (including a mediation) taken in the Environment Court proceedings on the Shotover WWTP short term resource consent. Information about the mediation is strictly confidential, and QLDC has a legal obligation not to disclose it.             Council will be provided with an update on communications with Kāi Tahu rūnaka about the Shotover WWTP long term resource consent application. Disclosure of information related to this may prejudice or         </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sections and Grounds	Reason for this Recommendation	7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege  7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Council will be provided an update on recent legal steps (including a mediation) taken in the Environment Court proceedings on the Shotover WWTP short term resource consent. Information about the mediation is strictly confidential, and QLDC has a legal obligation not to disclose it.  Council will be provided with an update on communications with Kāi Tahu rūnaka about the Shotover WWTP long term resource consent application. Disclosure of information related to this may prejudice or	
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	<p data-bbox="746 286 1209 360">disadvantage the carrying on of negotiations.</p> <p data-bbox="746 398 1209 548">While there is strong public interest in this matter, the interests identified above outweigh that public interest.</p>	

*The workshop concluded at 4.36pm.*