

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 17 March 2026 in
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road Queenstown, commencing at 10.00am

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

Present:	Mayor John Glover (Chair)	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk
	Councillor Melissa White	Councillor Gavin Bartlett
	Councillor Jon Mitchell	Councillor Niki Gladding
	Councillor Quentin Smith	Councillor Cody Tucker
	Councillor Heath Copland (online)	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Councillor Nicola King	Councillor Matt Wong (online)
Apologies:	None.	
In attendance:	Michell Morss	Pennie Pearce
	Katherine Harbrow	Ian Dunbar
	Meaghan Miller	Marie Day
	Simon Battrick	Alison Kelly
	Caleb Dawson-Swale	Vanessa Fauth (online)
	Gareth Noble	Tony Avery
	Paddy Cribb	Priya Bhuller
	Maseina Koneferenisi (online)	Dave Winterburn
	Dave Wallace	Peter Edie (online)
	Jeremy Payze (online)	Giovanni Stephens
	Carrie Williams	
Media	None.	
Public	None.	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Long Term Plan Steering Group 2</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to present the key elements, potential areas of change, and proposed work plan for the Infrastructure and Financial Strategies for the Long-Term Plan (LTP), including discussion of the Council's financial appetite, key trade-offs, and risk considerations.</p> <p>Ian Dunbar (Organisation Performance Manager), Pennie Pearce (Strategy and Policy General Manager), Meaghan Miller (Corporate</p>	

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	<p>Services General Manager), Katherine Harbrow (Assurance, Finance and Risk General Manager) and Paddy Cribb (Finance Manager) presented the item.</p> <p>Key points of discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of the definition of <i>significant decisions</i>, noting they are strategic rather than project-specific. • The use and implications for some of the current language regarding significant decisions. • How and where the impacts of visitor population could be captured in the framework. • How and where water quality protection could be captured in the framework. • How to visually present the split between Development Contributions and Development Levies for projects in the LTP. <p>Councillors discussed financial appetite, with views encompassing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cautious and balanced overall financial approach. • General preference to remain within the rates cap, with flexibility to exceed it where there is a clear, well-communicated justification. • General support for user-pays and alternative funding mechanisms in principle, including visitor-related tools, where costs can be fairly attributed. • Acceptance of borrowing as a necessary tool to support growth and infrastructure. • Emphasis on equity, particularly avoiding disproportionate impacts on smaller communities. • Importance of transparency and communication, ensuring ratepayers can clearly understand what they are paying for and why. <p>It was agreed that the Community Funding Policy section of this workshop would be moved to the next LTP workshop.</p> <p><i>Attachment A: LTP Steering Group 2 PowerPoint presentation</i> <i>Attachment B: Infrastructure Strategy explanatory material</i> <i>Attachment C: Community Funding explanatory material</i></p>	

The workshop concluded at 1.23pm.