

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held in the Arrowtown Community Centre, 12 Centennial Avenue, Arrowtown on Thursday 7 May 2026 commencing at 1.00pm

Membership:

Mayor John Glover; Councillor Gavin Bartlett, Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk, Councillor Stephen Brent, Councillor Heath Copland, Councillor Niki Gladding, Councillor Nicola King, Councillor Jon Mitchell, Councillor Quentin Smith, Councillor Cody Tucker, Councillor Melissa White, Councillor Matthew Wong

Attendees:

Michelle Morss (Interim Chief Executive), Tony Avery (General Manager, Property & Infrastructure), Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services), Katherine Harbrow (General Manager, Assurance, Finance & Risk), Dave Wallace (General Manager, Planning & Development), Pennie Pearce (Acting General Manager, Strategy & Policy), Brendan Peet (General Counsel), Paul Speedy (Strategic Project Manager), Geoff Mayman (Commercial & Procurement Manager), Dave Winterbrn (Parks Manager), Roger Davidson (Property Director), Stefan Amston (Facilities & Fleet Manager), Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Manager), Ben Scott (Web and Digital Communications Advisor), Jane Robertson (Senior Democracy Services Advisor); no members of the media and approximately 9 members of the public

Apologies/Leave of Absence Applications

There was an apology for lateness from Councillor Mitchell.

The following requests for leave of absence were made:

- Councillor Tucker: 16 May – 1 June 2026
- Councillor Brent: 16-24 August 2026
- Councillor Gladding: 27 and 28 May 2026

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Wong)

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the apology for lateness be accepted and that the requests for leave of absence be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Brent noted that he would have a conflict of interest and leave the room if the discussion about item 5 ('Kā Huanui a Tāhuna Alliance Delivered Projects, Annual Status Report') included comment about the Mountaineer Building.

Special Announcements

Councillor Copland welcomed the Council to Arrowtown.

Councillor Mitchell entered the meeting at 1.05pm.

Public Forum

1. Amanda Dawson, Chloe Mint and Charlotte Jackson (Mint Trust, Wānaka)

Ms Dawson noted that the Mint Trust sought to empower individuals with intellectual disability and support their families through programmes. It had been in place for 10 years and during that time had been self-funded. The Trust needed to find a new premises from which to operate and had moved to a non-permanent solution that had added \$50,000 in costs, resulting in a shortfall of \$80,000. The Trust received no government funding.

The Trust needed the Queenstown Lakes District Council's (QLDC) help to secure a permanent base and it was happy to share with other groups because it was used to partnering with other groups in the community.

2. Pierre Marasti (Extinction Rebellion, Wānaka)

Mr Marasti noted that since his last appearance at a Council meeting, war had broken out in Iran which had created a global fuel crisis. Time was running out to electrify and food shortages were going to occur in the 2030's due to the collapse of ecosystems. Food production and cost would be further threatened by a predicted super-El Niño that would increase global temperatures and cause record droughts and floods. He praised QLDC for planning to replace the LPG heating systems in its swimming pools, but heat pumps were the only environmentally sensitive alternative, although more expensive. This was a project that needed to be prioritised.

3. Meg Taylor (Wānaka Stakeholders Group)

Ms Taylor noted that the Egis report had commented that Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) and QLDC needed to build trust with the community. The recommendation that QAC lead the master plan programme was contrary to this and whilst it was accepted that QAC would be consulted in developing the master plan, they should not lead it. A practical and financially responsible master plan was needed and whilst the Council itself did not have aeronautical expertise, it was ultimately responsible for delivering the master plan.

4. Grant Stalker

Mr Stalker expressed concern that features on land owned by the Stalker Trust had been included in the Blue Green Network Plan (BGNP) without consultation with himself, as the landowner. He noted that submissions from the Grant Stalker Trust and the Maryhill Trust had also been omitted from the attachments to the officer report and had only been included in the published versions at the authors' request. Whilst not opposed to the BGNP per se, he was concerned that direct consultation had not taken place before his land had been included.

Until satisfactory consultation had been undertaken, he asked for the Local Te Pūtahi/ Eastern Corridor Plan to be removed from the BGNP.

Confirmation of Agenda

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor White):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the agenda be confirmed with the addition of a further item within the Chief Executive's Report (item 6) regarding a request from Shotover Jet Limited for the Council to approve proposed price increases which must be implemented urgently to support the company during the current fuel crisis.

Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Standing Order 9.12, the Mayor explained that the item had not been included on the agenda due to an administrative error.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Ordinary meeting of Queenstown Lakes District Council held on 19 March 2026

The Mayor advised that the Democracy Services Advisor had corrected an error prior to the meeting in the draft minutes with respect to the members voting against the resolution on item 1.

It was moved (Councillor Gladding, Councillor Belk):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the minutes of the public part of the ordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held on 19 March 2026 as amended be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Wānaka Airport – Delivery Approach for New Master Plan (Scenario 3 Implementation)

A report from Paul Speedy (Strategic Project Manager) sought Council's approval of a recommended option for delivery of a new Wānaka Airport Master Plan (giving effect to Scenario 3 in the Egis Report) and to confirm the associated governance, procurement and reporting arrangements arising from this. Accordingly, the report recommended engaging QAC as the programme manager, making use of its operational expertise, systems and experience, with the Council retaining oversight and decision-making authority.

Meaghan Miller and Paul Speedy presented the report.

Members asked what sort of role was anticipated for QAC if the recommendation was approved. Officers advised the QAC's focus would be on managing and coordinating work, with an emphasis on building trust and creating a strong framework to guide decision-making.

It was acknowledged that while QAC could manage procurement and oversee consultants, there was still concern about how much direct work QAC would undertake if appointed as Programme Manager, particularly in light of the obvious conflict of interest as another commercial airport in the district. While some members believed these risks could be managed through contracts, others were not certain that appointing QAC to lead the project was the best option.

It was moved (Councillor Bartlett, Councillor White):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

1. **Agree** that Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) will act as programme manager for the development of a Wānaka Airport Master Plan to deliver Scenario 3 (Egis Report), including managing the procurement process and day-to-day delivery of specialist aviation planning inputs, with the Council retaining:
 - a. direct contractual relationships with specialist consultants;
 - b. strategic oversight and approval authority; and
 - c. final decision-making on the Master Plan;
2. **Note** that the recommended option will be governed by a discrete, purpose-specific, end to end agreement between Council and QAC; and
3. **Delegate** authority for the Chief Executive to execute and implement the agreement referred to in recommendation 2, provided that the agreement:
 - a. is limited to the procurement and management of specialist aviation planning and technical consultants to deliver the Wānaka Airport Master Plan expressly within the confines of Scenario 3, at the agreed cost of Council;
 - b. treats the Egis Report as foundational to the scope of the work;

- c. includes probity and conflict-of-interest management measures, including possibility of independent technical peer review;
- d. confirms that approval of the final Master Plan will be a decision of Council;
- e. is explicit in the expectation that the draft Master Plan will be subject to further community feedback;
- f. acknowledges that Project Pure and the QLDC Spatial Plan/District Plan will need to be considered in the development of the Master Plan;
- g. acknowledges that the draft Master Plan will be the subject of a workshop with the Council and the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board; and
- h. acknowledges that the Wānaka Airport Liaison Group will have oversight of the community feedback, the engagement with Airport users and input to the draft Master Plan (minimum of two consultant sessions) in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

Motion lost (4:8) with The Mayor; Councillors Belk, Copland, Gladding, King, Mitchell, Smith and Tucker voting against the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2.30pm and reconvened at 2.37pm.

The Mayor advised that he was prepared to consider an alternative course of action in light of the fact that 'doing nothing' was not an option. This was enabled by Standing Order 23.10: *"Where a motion that recommends a course of action is lost, a new motion, with the consent of the chairperson, may be proposed to provide an alternative course of action and where the status quo or no decision of council is not viable."*

There was further discussion about which of the four other options assessed in the officer report was a reasonable alternative: Option 2 Independent Specialist Lead (QLDC as client); Option 3 Hybrid (Independent Lead with QAC as Programme Integrator); Option 4 QLDC led (In-house client team with external specialists); Option 5 External Airport Operator Led Delivery (Expressions of Interest).

It was moved (Councillor Smith, Councillor Mitchell):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

1. **Agree** to a QLDC-led in house client team with external specialists for the development of the Wānaka Airport Master Plan to deliver Scenario 3 (Egis Report); and
2. **Note** that any Master Plan is subject to final approval by Council.

Motion carried (10:2), with Councillors Brent and Wong recording their votes against the motion.

2. **Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Governance Agreement and Terms of Reference**

A report from Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Manager) presented for Council's consideration:

- Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board's (WUCCB) recommendation that Council adopt its proposed amendments to the WUCCB terms of reference and delegations; and
- WUCCB's recommendation that (a) the Council approve the proposed Governance Agreement between WUCCB and Full Council and (b) delegate the Mayor to sign it.

The report was giving effect to a recommendation to Council from a meeting of the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board held on 2 April 2026.

Meaghan Miller, Naell Crosby-Roe and Jon Winterbottom presented the report.

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Tucker)

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Adopt** the proposed amendments to the terms of reference and delegations for the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board;
3. **Approve** the proposed 2026 Queenstown Lakes District Council/Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Agreement (Governance Agreement); and
4. **Delegate** the Mayor to sign the proposed Governance Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Approval of the Blue Green Network Plan 2026**

A report from Jeannie Galavazi (Principal Parks and Reserves Planner) presented the final version of the Blue Green Network Plan 2026 ('BGNP') for the Council to adopt.

Ken Bailey and Jeannie Galavazi presented this item. Mrs Galavazi noted that submissions from the Maryhill Trust (Kristan Stalker) and Stalker Trust (Grant Stalker) had been omitted from the papers circulated, but their comments had been incorporated into the feedback discussed in the report and their submissions had been added to the website. Development of a Blue Green Network Plan had been identified as a priority project in the Spatial Plan and it would serve as a high level strategic framework that would be overlaid with and inform other Council strategies and plans.

Concern was expressed that most of the priority areas in the BGNP were different from the future development areas identified in the Spatial Plan and there were some areas that didn't appear to fall into either. Officers that some further work was needed on the draft plan and suggested that the Council add a further part to the resolution enabling minor changes to be made to the text following the meeting, provided that such changes did not alter the intent.

Members discussed the concerns raised by Mr Stalker in the Public Forum and considered how some assurance could be provided to private landowners with land identified in the BGNP that the goals and outcomes of the Plan were not intended to contradict the planning process.

It was moved (Councillor Tucker, Councillor Wong):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Adopt** the Blue Green Network Plan 2026, subject to any minor wording changes and amendments

Amendment

It was moved (Councillor Gladding, Councillor Smith):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

1. **Agree to amend 0.11 on page 56 of the Blue Green Network Plan to read:**

When updating or replacing the QLDC District Plan seek to align/integrate the Blue Green Network into the District Plan or any other planning instrument to ensure that the Blue Green network can be delivered.

Motion carried unanimously and became part of the substantive motion:

It was moved (Councillor Tucker, Councillor Wong):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Adopt** the Blue Green Network Plan 2026, subject to any minor wording changes and amendments;
3. **Agree** to amend 0.11 on page 56 of the Blue Green Network Plan to read:

When updating or replacing the QLDC District Plan, seek to align and/or integrate the Blue Green Network into the District Plan (or any other planning instrument) to ensure that the Blue Green network can be delivered.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. 2025-26 Capital Works May 2026 Reforecast

A report from Jeremy Payze (Senior Finance Business Partner – Projects) presented for the Council’s approval proposed amendments to the capital works programme budgets as set out in the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Katherine Harbrow and Jeremy Payze presented the report.

It was moved (Councillor Copland, Councillor Wong):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

1. **Note** the contents of the report; and
2. **Approve** all proposed budget changes in accordance with Attachment A of the ‘2025/26 Capital Works - May Reforecast’ report.

Motion carried with Councillor Smith recording his vote against the motion.

5. **Kā Huanui a Tāhuna Alliance Delivered Projects, Annual Status Report**

A report from Geoff Mayman (Commercial & Procurement Manager) introduced an annual status update across the three Queenstown Lakes District Council projects being delivered by the Kā Huanui a Tāhuna, the Whakatipu Transport Programme Alliance ('the Alliance'), specifically the Queenstown Town Centre Street Upgrades project, Town Centre Arterial Stage 1 project and the Lakeview project.

Tony Avery and Geoff Mayman presented the report.

Members observed that the attachment to the report was in public excluded and it was difficult to limit questions to ensure that no aspect of the public excluded material was discussed. Accordingly, there was a desire to consider the full contents of the report in the public excluded part of the meeting.

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Tucker):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

Agree, in accordance with Standing Order 9.4, that the order of business shall be varied and all of item 5 shall be considered in the public excluded part of the meeting and that it shall be considered after item 6.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Chief Executive's Report**

A report from Chief Executive sought Council approval of the following:

- a. To appoint a Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee;
- b. Delegate voting powers to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to vote on the Council's behalf at the LGNZ Annual General Meeting 2026 to be held on 29 July 2026;
- c. To note an update on when reviews of Queenstown Airport Directors' Remuneration will take place and when any Board membership reviews will be required;
- d. To approve two community appointments in the Upper Clutha that were missed from the various approvals given at the last Council meeting;
- e. Delegate powers to allow a Procurement Plan for a new electricity contract to progress;
- f. Adopt a new Backflow Prevention Policy 2026;
- g. Revocation of several superseded policies;

- h. To approve a recommendation from WUCCB to retrospectively approve an easement over Criffel Place local purpose (access) reserve, Luggate in favour of Aurora Energy Ltd;
- i. Agree a new Risk Management Policy (recommendation from Risk & Assurance Committee);
- j. Delete authority to the Mayor and CE to sign Audit Engagement and Audit Proposal letters (recommendation from Risk & Assurance Committee);
- k. Agree to exercise the Minister’s consent (under delegation from the Minister of Conservation), that a Notice of Intent is published advising that a review of the Sunshine Bay, Frankton, Kelvin Heights Foreshore Management Plan is to be prepared (recommendation from Community & Environment Committee);
- l. Approve retrospectively the following price increase for Shotover Jet Queenstown, effective from 1 May 2026:

	Current	Proposed
Adult	\$179	\$199
Child	\$99	\$109
Family	\$457	\$507

Some concern was expressed that nothing equivalent was available to replace the Banner and Event Signage Policy (2009) that officers were recommending to be revoked. Elected members did not agree that the Operative District Plan or banner and event signage booking systems were effective replacements.

It was moved (Councillor Tucker/Councillor White):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:

- 1. **Note** the contents of this report;

Appointment of a Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee

- 2. **Appoint** a Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee, with a membership of Mayor Glover, Councillor King, Councillor Smith, Councillor White and Councillor Wong to oversee the Chief Executive recruitment and appointment process;

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- 3. **Delegate** authority to the Mayor (or the Deputy Mayor as alternate) to exercise the Council’s vote at the LGNZ Annual

General Meeting 2026 to be held on 29 July 2026 and to vote in accordance with the Council's direction;

Review of Queenstown Airport Directors' Remuneration and Appointment/Reappointment

4. **Note** that Queenstown Airport director membership does not need to be considered until October 2027 and that director remuneration will be considered at the Council meeting on 26 June 2026;

Appointment of Elected Members to External Organisations

5. **Appoint** John Wellington (WUCCB member) as a Council representative on the Upper Clutha Track Trust;
6. **Appoint** Kathy Dedo (WUCCB member) as a Council representative on Community Link Upper Clutha;

Procurement Plan for Electricity Contract

7. **Note** that under its terms of reference, a Procurement Plan of this nature can be considered by the Smart Growth Committee, but the timing of this procurement process does not align with the scheduled committee meetings and as such, this Procurement Plan is being considered by full Council;
8. **Approve** the Procurement Plan for the Electricity Contract to enable Council to go to the open market during June 2026;
9. **Delegate** to the Chief Executive the power to approve the procurement recommendation report and enter into a contract with the preferred supplier(s) for an Electricity Supply contract; with a contract commencement date of 1 October 2026 and a proposed term of either five or seven-years at an estimated cost of \$33.88 - \$50.08 million;

Review of Policies

10. **Adopt** the Backflow Prevention Policy 2026, effective from 7 May 2026.
11. **Endorse** the revocation and archiving of the following policies, effective from 7 May 2026:

- a. Signs – Town Pier Policy 1990;
 - b. Policy on Making Submissions 1998;
 - c. Banner and Event Signage Policy 2009;
 - d. Policy for the Provision of New Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Connections 1996; and,
 - e. Backflow prevention policy 2022;
12. **Note** that the revocation of these policies has been assessed in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 and does not require formal consultation;
13. **Authorises** the Chief Executive to update Council records and notify relevant stakeholders of the revocations;

Recommendation from Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board Meeting of 2 April 2026

Retrospective Approval – Aurora Energy Easement, Criffel Place Local Purpose Reserve

14. **Accept** the recommendation from the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board and agree to exercise Minister’s consent and approve an electrical services easement over Criffel Place local purpose (access) reserve, Luggate, legally described as Lot 201 DP 361422, in favour of Aurora Energy in accordance with the easement plan at Attachment G;
15. **Accept** the recommendation from the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board and delegate authority to approve final terms and conditions of the easement and execution authority, to the General Manager, Community Services.

Recommendations from Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting of 9 April 2026

Risk Management Policy

16. **Accept** the recommendation from the Risk & Assurance Committee and approve the changes proposed to the Risk Management Policy in accordance with the recommendations of the Risk and Assurance Committee, effective from 7 May 2026;

Deloitte Planning Report for the 2025/2026 Audit

17. **Accept** the recommendation from the Risk & Assurance Committee and delegate the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign the Audit Engagement letter and the Audit Proposal letter on behalf of Council; and

Recommendation from Community & Environment Committee Meeting of 23 April 2026

Notice of Intent to review the Sunshine Bay, Frankton and Kelvin Heights Foreshore Management Plan 1991

18. **Accept** the recommendation from the Community & Environment Committee and agree to exercise the Minister's consent (under delegation from the Minister of Conservation), that a Notice of Intent is published advising that a review of the Sunshine Bay, Frankton, Kelvin Heights Foreshore Management Plan is to be prepared, in accordance with s41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3.42pm and reconvened at 3.46pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Bartlett)

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

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General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
<p>Item 13: Appointment of Independent Members to the Risk & Assurance Committee</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p><i>Section and Grounds</i> 7(2)(a) to enable Council to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>To ensure the best possible recruitment outcome candidates must be able to apply confidentially, particularly in the case of candidates that are not successful. While there is public interest in the outcome, ensuring high quality candidates are not deterred from applying increases the opportunity for the best possible outcome for the community.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a)</p>
<p>Item 14: Settlement Package – Hāwea Special Housing Area Deed (Infrastructure and Affordability)</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p><i>Section and Grounds</i> 7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege</p> <p>Withholding this information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege. Council and the developer are in mediation. Releasing this information would undermine Council’s ability to</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(g)</p>

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
	<p>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>	
<p>Item 15: Remuneration for Water Services Council Controlled Organisation Board of Directors</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p><i>Section and Grounds</i> 7(2)(a) to enable Council to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable candid discussion to ensure directors are remunerated appropriately to attract the best possible directors and this requirement outweighs any public interest consideration.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a)</p>

Agenda items

Item 5A: Kā Huanui a Tāhuna Alliance Delivered Projects, Annual Status Report: Further Status Updates

Item 7: Appointment of Water Services council-controlled organisation Board Chair

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
<p>Item 5: Kā Huanui a Tāhuna Alliance Delivered Projects, Annual Status Report: Further Status Updates</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p><i>Section and Grounds</i> 7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations</p> <p><i>Public Interest Statement</i> Attachment A to the report contains commercial, budgetary, legal and risk information. Withholding this information is necessary to protect the commercial positions and relationships of QLDC and its negotiations with the participants of Kā Huanui a Tāhuna, the Whakatipu Transport Programme Alliance, and owners of private property. While it is acknowledged that there is a strong public interest in the use of ratepayer funds, in this situation, the importance of withholding commercially sensitive information and protecting QLDC’s commercial position outweighs the release of such information.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(i)</p>
<p>Item 7: Appointment of Water Services council-controlled organisation Board Chair</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of</p>	

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
	<p>information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p>Section and Grounds 7(2)(a) to enable Council to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>To ensure the best possible recruitment outcome candidates must be able to apply confidentially, particularly in the case of candidates that are not successful. While there is public interest in the outcome, ensuring high quality candidates are not deterred from applying increases the opportunity for the best possible outcome for the community.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a)</p>

This recommendation is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

The meeting went into public excluded at 3.47pm.

The meeting came out of public excluded and concluded at 4.18pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

MAYOR

DATE