QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Thursday 22 October 2026
in the 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	Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith
	Councillor Stephen Brent	Councillor Cody Tucker*
	Councillor Niki Gladding	Councillor Jon Mitchell
	Councillor Matt Wong*	Councillor Gavin Bartlett
	Councillor Nicola King	Councillor Samuel Q Belk
	Councillor Heath Copland	Councillor Melissa White
In attendance:	James Stevenson-Wallace	Meaghan Miller
	Katherine Harbrow	Dave Wallace
	Pennie Pearce	Ken Bailey
	Vanessa Fauth	Michelle Morss
	Greg Rozen	Simon Battrick*
	Shauna Olsen	Kat Banyard
	Gareth Noble*	Paul Carter*
	Katherine Harbrow*	Ruby Mills
	Allan Wainwright	Dan O'Keeffe
Media	None	
Public	One	

*Online

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	**<u>Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) Statement of Expectations Discussion</u>** The purpose of this workshop was to discuss the content for a draft Statement of Expectations (SOE) for the Queenstown Airport Corporation as per the Local Government Act 2002 (s 64B(1)). Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Main points of discussion included:	• Further information to be provided on air noise boundaries and growth modelling, including the longer-term implications of reaching

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	• The SOE process and timing, with support indicated for reviewing the SOE again in approximately 12 months rather than on a three-year cycle. • Strategic alignment between QLDC and QAC, particularly around growth assumptions, strategic planning and the wider implications of airport growth for the district and its infrastructure. Further Council understanding of QAC's strategic plan refresh was supported. • Adding clear expectations around proactive engagement and a "no surprises" approach, particularly for significant or strategically important decisions, land use and other activities with wider Council or community implications. Consideration was also given to establishing clearer criteria for determining materiality. • Air noise boundaries, airport growth and associated community impacts were discussed, including the potential for future community engagement. • The draft SOE was expected to be presented to Council for consideration on 12 November. ***Attachments*** *Attachment A: Draft SOE PowerPoint* *Attachment B: QLDC 2024 Statement of Expectations for Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC)*	the boundaries.
2.	**Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) Indoor Courts Project – Business Case** The purpose of this workshop was to brief Councillors on the findings of the QEC Indoor Courts Detailed Business Case. This includes the assessment of options, financial implications and recommended delivery pathway, ahead of the proposed November 2026 Council decision. Ken Bailey (General Manager, Community Services), Greg Rozen (Programme Director), Simon Battrick (Strategic Projects Manager, Community Services) and Allan Wainwright (Acting Sports and Recreation Manager) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Key points of discussion included: • An update on project timing and delivery, including the balance between progressing the project efficiently and ensuring	None.

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	appropriate planning, procurement, resourcing and risk management. • The proposed design, scope and operation of the facility, including levels of service, group fitness and ancillary spaces, operational costs, design flexibility, sustainability and resilience, and requirements to support national sporting events. • Consenting and designation requirements and associated project risks, with further information on risk management and consenting pathways to be included in the report to Council. • Opportunities for third-party investment continued to be explored. • The business case was to be presented to Council for a decision on 12 November. ***Attachments*** *Attachment A: QEC Indoor Courts Facility Presentation Slides* *Attachment B: QEC Indoor Courts Facility Business Case*	

The workshop concluded at 12.41pm.