

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 29 September 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	Councillor Jon Mitchell
	Councillor Gavin Bartlett	Councillor Quentin Smith
	Councillor Samuel Belk	Councillor Cody Tucker
	Councillor Heath Copland	Councillor Matt Wong*
	Councillor Nicola King	Councillor Nikki Gladding*
Apologies:	Councillor Melissa White	Councillor Stephen Brent
In attendance:	Michelle Morss	Tony Avery
	Katherine Harbrow	Pennie Pearce
	Ken Bailey	Ian Dunbar
	Jesse Taylor	Caleb Dawson-Swale
	Simon Battrick	Vanessa Fauth
	Priya Bhuller	Tanea Hawkins
	Tony Pickard	Peter Harris
	Dominic Lundon	James Mulcahy
	Nicolas Miller*	Arne Burgess
	Stephen Bayley	Shauna Olsen
	Richard Powell	Greg Rozen
	Kat Banyard	Allan Wainwright
	Paul Carter*	Marie Day*
	Hannah Rickers*	Dave Winterburn
	Mary Davenport*	Alison Kelly*
	Jeremy Payze*	Walter Clarke (Utility)
	Ruby Mills	
Media	One member of the media	
Public	One member of the public	

*Online

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<u>Destination Queenstown, Lake Wānaka Tourism, and Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association</u> The purpose of this workshop was to provide an overview of the tourism promotion and support ecosystem in the district, including the mandate, structure, governance, funding arrangements and respective roles of local tourism promotion and support organisations. Pennie Pearce (Acting General Manager – Strategy & Policy) introduced the item. Mat Woods and Sarah O'Donnell (Destination Queenstown) spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment B), outlining the roles, activities and funding arrangements of Destination Queenstown and Lake Wānaka Tourism, and their contribution to destination management objectives. Dave Harding and Nicky Busst (Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association) provided an overview of the establishment, mandate and activities of the Arrowtown Promotion and Business Association. Discussion included the equity and effectiveness of current funding and governance arrangements, including ratepayer engagement and the respective roles of Council and tourism organisations. General support was expressed for retaining the existing model in the immediate term. Broader destination management matters would be considered through the forthcoming review of the Destination Management Plan. <u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: RTO Funding and Structure Report</i> <i>Attachment B: DQ Presentation Slides (provided post-workshop)</i>	None.
2.	<u>Queenstown Events Centre Indoor Courts Project</u> The purpose of this workshop was to update Councillors on progress with the Queenstown Events Centre (QEC) Indoor Courts Project since the May 2026 workshop and seek direction to inform the next stage of the project and Detailed Business Case. Ken Bailey (General Manager – Community Services), Simon Battrick (Strategic Project Manager) and Greg Rozen (Programme Director) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A), which included initial design considerations for four courts. Discussion included the relative benefits and implications of four and six-court options, projected demand, levels of service, financial impacts,	None.

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	opportunities for alternative locations and partnerships, and design considerations including resilience and construction materials. Direction generally supported progressing an accelerated four-court option at QEC, with potential provision for two additional courts elsewhere. Further consideration was requested regarding group fitness provisions, meeting room requirements, the proposed café, development contribution funding and procurement. It was noted that the Detailed Business Case would return for further consideration prior to a Council decision in November. <u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: Presentation Slides – QEC Indoor Courts Project</i>	
3.	<u>Long Term Plan Steering Group 13</u> The purpose of this workshop was to discuss key areas of Long Term Plan development: the capital expenditure (CapEx) programme, key CapEx project A3s, and the Development Contributions (DC) Policy. CapEx Programme Ian Dunbar (Organisation Performance Manager), Tanea Hawkins (Finance Director), Jesse Taylor (Investment & Support Services Manager) and Simon Battrick (Strategic Projects Manager) presented the item. Discussion included financial considerations, how CapEx would be funded, and the impacts of continued growth and increasing costs. Direction was sought on the proposed ‘must do’, ‘prioritise’ and ‘should do’ categorisation of the CapEx programme. Strategic candidate projects were worked through using an interactive tool with Councillors providing initial ‘yes’, ‘no’ or ‘maybe’ direction on priorities for inclusion and further modelling through the LTP. DC Policy Katherine Harbrow (General Manager – Assurance, Finance and Risk), Tanea Hawkins (Finance Director), and Dominic Lundon (Team Leader - Subdivisions) presented the item. A series of considerations for potential modifications to the DC Policy were discussed, including additional contributions for larger residential properties, the treatment of visitor accommodation and residential flats, reserve land contributions, the existing reserve land exemption for	• Councillors to provide officers with any further feedback or questions on the core CapEx programme. • Officers to provide further clarification on the definitions associated with Point 5 of the DC Policy consideration s.

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	commercial visitor accommodation, mixed-use categories, and further consideration of the treatment of the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust. <u>Attachments</u> <i>Attachment A: LTP Workshop 29 Sep PowerPoint presentation</i> <i>Attachment B: QLDC Proposed Core Capital Programme</i> <i>Attachment C: Proposed capital investment map</i> <i>Attachment D: Capital expenditure – report by Finance</i> <i>Attachment E: Key capital project A3s</i> <i>Attachment F: LTP Capital Programme Long List</i>	

The workshop concluded at 5.00pm.