

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 9 June 2026
in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown
commencing at 11.30am

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

Present:	Mayor John Glover	Councillor Gavin Bartlett
	Councillor Melissa White	Councillor Matt Wong
	Councillor Nicola King	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Councillor Cody Tucker	Councillor Niki Gladding
	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Councillor Heath Copland (online)
	Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith (online)	Councillor Jon Mitchell (online)
Apologies:	None	
In attendance:	Michelle Morss	Katherine Harbrow
	Pamela Parker	Pennie Pearce
	Anita Vanstone	Dylan Rushbrook
	Marianna Brook	Anita Dawe
	Georgia Pringle	
Media	None	
Public	None	

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1.	<u>Procurement Plan</u> The purpose of this briefing was to provide an understanding of Procurement in Local Government including Procurement Principles, Procurement Cycle, Queenstown Lakes District Council Procurement Policy proposed changes, and Case Law. Katherine Harbrow (General Manager, Assurance, Finance & Risk) and Pamela Parker (Procurement Manager) presented the item and spoke to Attachment A. The main points of discussion included:	None.

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	- Ms Parker provided an overview of the new Procurement Policy which is being updated from the current 2021 policy. - Ms Parker and Ms Harbrow advised Council are currently working to make the Procurement Policy easier to internal staff to understand and boost organisation-wide literacy of procurement. <u>Attachments</u> Attachment A: Councillor Workshop - Procurement Policy	
2.	<u>Simplifying Local Government - Head Start Pathway</u> The purpose of this workshop was to provide an update on the Head Start pathway for simplifying local government and to provide a further opportunity to discuss options for participation in the Head Start process. Pennie Pearce (General Manager, Strategy & Policy) and Michelle Morss (Interim Chief Executive) provided a verbal update. Main points of discussion included: - Ms Pearce advised Council are currently doing the groundwork to understand what amalgamation in the Otago region could look like. - Councillors and Council officers discussed how best to engage with the community to gather feedback on their preferred amalgamation model, noting the short turnaround period. - Ms Pearce advised the above information would be used to help inform Council's decision to submit a proposal to central government.	None.
3.	<u>Regional Deal Update</u> It is recommended that this subject matter is discussed while the public is excluded. 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:	

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