

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Thursday 13 August 2026
in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown
commencing at 11.00am

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

Present:	Mayor John Glover	Councillor Melissa White
	Councillor Matt Wong	Councillor Stephen Brent
	Councillor Gavin Bartlett	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk
	Councillor Nicola King	Councillor Heath Copland
	Councillor Cody Tucker (online)	Councillor Niki Gladding
	Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith (online; joined 11.20am)	Councillor Jon Mitchell (joined 12.10pm)
Apologies:	None	
In attendance:	Pennie Pearce	Sinead Hart (online)
	Maseina Koneferenisi (online)	Dave Wallace
	Diana Pietruschke	Caleb Dawson-Swale
	Michelle Morss	Brendan Peet
	Meaghan Miller	Ruby Mills
	Jon Winterbottom	Katherine Harbrow
Media	None	
Public	None	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<u>QLDC 3Waters – Transfer Principles</u> The purpose of the session was to build on the work already presented to Elected Members and introduce the next layer of detail to the proposed Transfer Principles and Land Transfer Framework, in accordance with the Transition Agreement. Sinead Hart (Governance Lead, QLDC 3Waters Limited) and Pennie Pearce (Acting General Manager Strategy and Policy) presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Main points of discussion included:	

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	• Extensive discussion over benefits vs drawbacks of ownership vs lease arrangement for land needed for the WSCCC; • Officers noted elected member concerns over idea (as per slide 3) that ownership is preferred to any lease arrangement - a majority of elected members expressed preference for the lease approach; • It was indicated that officers would work up a matrix of how other CCOs have approached the issue so that elected members could see the options and rationale; • Discussion of concern over land transfer going to a third party without safeguards, and how that risk could be managed (transfer with safeguards vs long-term lease); • Officers clarified that they are the position to identify and share with elected members a list of pieces of land that would potentially be subject to a land transfer agreement; • Trade-offs involved in transfer of mixed-used sites (those that involve both water and non-water related activities); • In response to a question, officers indicated that an advisory paper to the WSCCO Board would include the same information as provided to elected members at this workshop, but that it would also share the feedback/concerns raised at the workshop by elected members; • Officers indicated they would bring back further analysis of different options to provide elected members with further context on concerns raised over ownership approach; • Clarified that this was ultimately a Council decision although it was recommended that the WSCCO Board's view be given appropriate weight; • Query over whether an SCP was required on this matter, and officers indicated that this would be clarified. <u>Attachments:</u> <i>Attachment A: Presentation Slides</i> <i>Attachment B: Land Asset Transfer Framework (Draft)</i>	

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2.	<u>June 2026 Quarterly Report</u> The purpose of this session was to present the Quarterly Report for June 2026. Diana Pietruschke (Organisation Performance Advisor) and Caleb Dawson-Swale (Business Planning Manager) presented the item and spoke to highlights from the report (Attachment B). Key points of discussion included: • The increase in library checkout activity was noted, with interest expressed in understanding the factors driving the trend. • Members discussed potential KPI refinements through the Long Term Plan process and queried consideration of future reporting on the Lakeview development. • Queries were raised regarding progress on the Kingston 3Waters Plan, the determination of Key Priorities, website engagement reporting, food licensing data, and CAPEX performance. <u>Attachments:</u> <i>Attachment A: June 2026 Quarterly Report</i> <i>Attachment B: Quarterly Report Workshop Slides</i>	None.

The workshop concluded at 1.02pm.