

Audit, Finance & Risk Committee

8 July 2025

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [2]

Department: Assurance, Finance & Risk

Title | Taitara: Queenstown Airport Corporation Capital Programme

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko

The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit, Finance & Risk (AFR) Committee with an update on the Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) Capital Programme.

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka

That the Audit, Finance & Risk Committee:

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

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Context | Horopaki

1. In late 2023, the Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) Board adopted a Masterplan after consultation with the community, industry, shareholders. This Masterplan document can be found here: <https://www.queenstownairport.co.nz/masterplan>
2. QAC Statement of Intent indicated that QAC would provide regular updates to the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) Audit Finance & Risk Committee on any impacts to potential dividends.
3. This QAC Capital Programme Report will also provide an update on the QAC present project milestones and exception reporting.
4. See Attachment A: QAC Capital Reporting Update

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi i kā Whakaaro Hiraka

5. This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy 2024 because it is provided for information only.
6. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are Council staff and the members of the AFR Committee.
7. The Council has not and will not be consulting on the QAC Capital Programme as part of its Long Term Plan or Annual Plan. QAC is guided by Council's 2024 Statement of Expectations and the corresponding QAC Statement of Intent (for year ending 30 June 2026).

Māori Consultation | Iwi Rūnaka

8. Council has not consulted iwi on the matters contained in this report.

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

9. This matter relates to the Financial risk category. It is associated with RISK10013 Unexpected change in cost or funding within the QLDC Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a very high residual risk rating.

Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

10. Unexpected costs changes to the capital programme would impact the dividend that Council receives from QAC.
11. Queenstown Lakes District Council is a 75.01% shareholder in QAC.

Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

12. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- Long Term Plan 2024-34

13. This matter is included in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan as part of the QAC dividend income.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka

14. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. The recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act because Queenstown Airport is a Council Controlled Trading Organisation (CCTO) and provides vital services to the community and enables in meeting the Council's social and economic responsibilities.

15. The recommended option:

- Can be implemented through current funding under the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not significantly alter the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	QAC Capital Reporting Update
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