

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 1.30pm
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown

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

Present:	Mayor John Glover (Chair)	Councillor Jon Mitchell
	Councillor Gavin Bartlett	Councillor Quentin Smith (online)
	Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk	Councillor Cody Tucker (from 2.03pm)
	Councillor Stephen Brent	Councillor Melissa White
	Councillor Niki Gladding	Councillor Matt Wong
	Councillor Nicola King (online)	
Apologies:	Councillor Heath Copland	
In attendance:	Mike Theelen	Meaghan Miller
	Katherine Harbrow	Tony Avery
	Dave Wallace	Simon Battrick
	Alison Kelly	Ian Dunbar
	Nicolas Miller	Peter Harris
	Priya Bhuller	Jeremy Payze
	Rebecca Pitts	Jane Robertson
	No members of the media or public.	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Draft Annual Plan 2026-2027 Indicative Funding Analysis and Outline</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to present key elements of the planning and initial stages of the Annual Plan 2026-2027.</p> <p>Meaghan Miller, Katherine Harbrow and Caleb Dawson-Swale presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation [Attachment A].</p> <p>The Chief Executive spoke about the many reform measures currently in train impacting local government.</p>	<p>Action: Opportunities for savings – Officers to provide options for how the various levers can be applied to reduce the average rates increase from 14.9% to 11.6%.</p>

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	<p>Some of this reform could impact upon the responsibility and workload of Mayors.</p> <p>There were questions and further discussion about rates capping, funding sources, ways of achieving savings (i.e. minimising rates increase), level of service considerations, changes to fees and charges and the impact of growth.</p> <p>One elected member discussed accessing detailed budget lines to enable a review of proposed programmes and priorities for spending.</p> <p>Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Annual Plan 2026-27 Presentation</i> <i>Attachment B: User Fees and Charges Schedule 2026-27</i></p>	

The workshop concluded at 3.29pm.