

Council Workshop

Tuesday, 10 September 2024 at 9.32am
Council Chambers, Gorge Road, Queenstown

Present:	Mayor Lewes (Chair)	Councillor Bruce (online)
	Councillor Bartlett	Councillor Wong
	Councillor Cocks	Councillor Ferguson (online)
	Councillor Gladding (online)	Councillor Guy
	Councillor Smith (online)	Councillor Tucker
	Councillor White (arrived 9.50am)	
Apologies:	Councillor Whitehead	
In attendance:	Meaghan Miller	Tony Avery
	Dean Rzechta (Managing Director, 94 Feet)	Paul Speedy
	Pennie Pearce	Naell Crosby-Roe (online)
	Katherine Harbrow	Mat Woods (Destination Queenstown CEO)
	AJ Millward (Destination Southern Lakes (DSL) board member)	Murray Strong (DSL Chair) (online)
	Bill Nicoll	Kirsty Pope
	Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Natural Hazards, Otago Regional Council (ORC))	Ann Conroy (Team Leader Natural Hazards Adaptation, ORC)
	Tim van Woerden (Senior Natural Hazards Analyst, ORC)	Jamie MacKenzie (Natural Hazards Adaptation Specialist, ORC)
	Dave Wallace	Jon Winterbottom
	Rebecca Johnson	Jesse Taylor
	Stewart Burns	Caleb Dawson-Swale
	Alison Tomlinson (online)	Simon Mason (online)
	Dan Crosby (online)	Rebecca Pitts (online)
	One members of the public (item 1)	One member of the media

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Lakeview Developer Update</u></p> <p>Dean Rzechta (Managing Director, 94 Feet) and Paul Speedy presented the item. Mr Rzechta spoke to a presentation.</p> <p>Mr Rzechta and Mr Speedy responded to questions.</p>	<p>Staff will send out a reference to enable elected members to find where in the contract the 20-month sunset date is specified.</p>

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	<p>In response to a question, it was clarified that no change to the project is anticipated, i.e. there are no plans to seek a variation or any material or minor modifications.</p> <p>In response to a query about the demographics of potential occupants, it was noted that there is a challenge finding those seeking a permanent residence. It was noted that interest has come from various sources, including international (e.g. Australians and other expats).</p> <p>It was clarified that the \$600,000 product is a studio (25-32 square metres).</p> <p>Attachments: (see attached) <i>Attachment A: Presentation</i></p>	
2.	<p><u>Destination Management Plan Update</u></p> <p>AJ Millward (DSL board member) and Mat Woods (Destination Queenstown CEO) spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions. Pennie Pearce and Peter Harris assisted in responding to questions.</p> <p>Clarified that nowhere else has completed an Optimal Visitation Project (OVP) of this sort. In response to a question, it was indicated that the OVP was delivered for \$250,000.</p> <p>It was indicated that the goal for the community fund is that in five years it will be a \$5 million fund.</p> <p>It was clarified that when it comes to visitors, Australians are the primary market, but US and Asia are key markets as well.</p> <p>Clarified that funding from MBIE didn't transpire, so a key goal of DSL board is to seek additional funds. Noting some projects have relevance to national scale so believe there is a good business case to be made to Ministers, e.g. around city deals.</p> <p>Noted that looking at international sources of funding, e.g. for anything that has infrastructure as a tagline. When seeking funding, it was indicated that the board focuses on highlighting impacts.</p> <p>Attachments: (see workshop agenda) <i>Attachment A: Agenda Slide</i></p>	Stakeholder list will be distributed to elected members.

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	<p><i>Attachment B: DSL-QLDC Workshop Reporting Summary</i> <i>Attachment C: 240723 DMP Gantt Chart 2024</i> <i>Attachment D: OVP Overview</i></p>	
3.	<p><u>Head of Lake Whakatipu Natural Hazards Adaptation Update</u></p> <p>Bill Nicoll and Otago Regional Council (ORC) staff (Jean-Luc Payan (Manager, Natural Hazards), Ann Conroy (Team Leader Natural Hazards Adaptation), Tim van Woerden (Senior Natural Hazards Analyst), Jamie MacKenzie (Natural Hazards Adaptation Specialist) spoke to a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>Dr Payan identified challenges associated with a changing environment.</p> <p>Clarified that current steps with respect to Head of the Lake Whakatipu Adaptation Strategy are not in conflict with Central Government approach. ORC is hoping that Government will provide a framework.</p> <p>In response to a question, it was clarified that the report contains more detail than in the presentation, and that it was on the basis of this (more detailed report) that an overall assessment of the hazard across the area was determined.</p> <p>There was extensive discussion over risk assessments.</p> <p>It was noted that the goal is for the Adaptation Strategy to be presented to ORC by the end of the year. It was also noted that there would be community engagement sessions in Glenorchy on 10 and 11 September and that the next ORC Council Update to the ORC Safety and Resilience Committee meeting would take place on 7 November. It was highlighted that the session on 10 September would be livestreamed, and a recording will be made available.</p> <p><i>Attachments: (see attached)</i> <i>Attachment A: Head of Lake QLDC Presentation</i></p>	None
4.	<p><u>NLTP Funding and Implications Briefing</u></p> <p>Jesse Taylor spoke to a PowerPoint slide outlining the 2024-2027 National Land Transport Programme: Summary of QLDC Allocation.</p>	Staff will share with Councillors a link with information on National Land

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	<p>Ms Taylor, Tony Avery, Alison Tomlinson, Simon Mason, Rebecca Johnson, and Stewart Burns responded to questions.</p> <p>Officers clarified that the \$600,000 of funding support within the Low Cost Low Risk (LCLR) local roading improvements category was specifically for the Ballantyne/Riverbank Road project that had been funded in the previous period but subsequently delayed due to State Highway works. Officers also advised that there are two further LCLR projects in delivery that did not receive support, which will need to be funded from QLDC's residual local share of the budget.</p> <p>Officers indicated that various projects were not funded even though they were aligned with current Government priorities, e.g. the Capell Avenue road extension, new Arthurs Point bridge, and asset management planning.</p> <p>It was clarified that decisions around specific resilience funding were yet to be announced, and that this may influence the current funding position for resilience-based initiatives such as Crown Range Road stability and Bennetts Bluff.</p> <p>Officers noted that there was not enough funding to maintain the current level of service in footpaths and environmental management work categories.</p> <p>Officers highlighted that there were some positive outcomes for QLDC, e.g. Shepherd's Creek bridge, matched funding across a range of renewals categories.</p> <p>Officers clarified that no adjustment to the Long Term Plan would be needed based on this information (about NLTP funding), and noted that Council will have opportunities to reprioritise expenditure through future reforecast and Annual Plan processes. Supporting workshops will be arranged with the Infrastructure Committee and Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board.</p> <p>Attachments: (see attached) <i>Attachment A: Final Draft 2024-2027 National Land Transport Programme: Summary of QLDC Allocation</i></p>	<p>Transport Fund - Approved Funding.</p>