

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Thursday 5 February 2026 commencing at 1.00pm**

**Membership:**

Mayor John Glover; Councillor Gavin Bartlett, Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk, Councillor Stephen Brent, Councillor Heath Copland, Councillor Niki Gladding, Councillor Nicola King, Councillor Jon Mitchell, Councillor Quentin Smith, Councillor Cody Tucker, Councillor Melissa White, Councillor Matthew Wong

**Attendees:**

Mike Theelen (Chief Executive), Meaghan Miller (General Manager, Corporate Services), Michelle Morss (General Manager, Strategy & Policy), Dave Wallace (General Manager, Planning & Development), Katie Church (People and Capability Director), Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manager), Amy Bowbyes (Principal Planner – Resource Management Policy), Pennie Pearce (Strategy and Reform Manager), Bill Nicoll (Resilience and Climate Action Manager), Kirsty Pope (Senior Resilience and Climate Action Advisor), Tilly McCool (Resilience and Climate Action Advisor), Pamela Parker (Procurement Manager), Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Manager), Dan O'Keefe (Marketing and Communications Advisor), Jane Robertson (Senior Democracy Services Advisor); one member of the media and four members of the public

**Apologies/Leave of Absence Applications**

The following requests for leave of absence were made:

- Councillor Gladding: 12-13 March 2026
- Councillor Bartlett: 21 March 2026 – 20 April 2026

**It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Tucker):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the requests for leave of absence be approved.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

The Mayor, Councillor Copland and Councillor Gladding declared a conflict of interest regarding item 4 as all had made submissions to the Urban Intensification Variation.

The Mayor advised that the Deputy Mayor would chair the meeting for item 4.

**Matters Lying on the Table**

There were no matters lying on the table.



## Special Announcements

The Mayor referred to the recent passing of former Mayor, Sir Tim Shadbolt of Invercargill and of Councillor (and former Mayor) Jules Radich of Dunedin.

The Mayor acknowledged that this Council meeting was Mike Theelen's final one as Chief Executive of Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) and he presented some facts about Mike's ten years of working for the Council. He invited other members to comment and Councillor Smith, Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Tucker all spoke of their time working with Mr Theelen.

## Public Forum

### 1. Florence Micoud: Tree Protection

Ms Micoud spoke about the benefits of trees, in particular their role in mitigating the effects of climate change. Trees took a long time to grow and she believed too many trees across the district were being felled, many because of building intensification. She suggested that the Council strengthen its existing tree policy to make it applicable to all trees, whether on public or private land or native or exotic.

### 2. Peter Newport: News Industry in New Zealand and Globally

Mr Newport considered that there was a crisis in journalism, with a large number of newspapers having recently closed across the world and the number of qualified journalists working in New Zealand reducing from 4,000 to 800. Councils had big communications budgets and a council's support could make or break a newspaper, as had been shown recently with the Westport News. He asked for a fair share of the QLDC's marketing and communications budget to be spent with Crux to help ensure its longterm survival.

### 3. Brian Boyle: Queenstown Lakes District Dark Sky Asset

Professor Boyle stated that he was a professional astronomer now living in Gibbston Valley and this district was one of the best places in the world for dark skies. Only a small proportion of its land was inhabited and there were two areas in the district with Dark Skies status. Although the District Plan supported dark sky lighting, dark skies were being lost through development but good lighting that limited energy and glare could help preserve dark skies. He suggested that a Dark Sky Taskforce be established to offer practical guidance about safeguarding dark skies and recognising them as an economic asset.

### 4. Craig Ferguson 'Ferg': Service of the departing Chief Executive

Ferg paid tribute to the service of Mike Theelen during his tenure as QLDC Chief Executive and the organisational culture that he had helped to foster during his time at the Council. He observed that it could be a thankless role that had to make unpopular decisions and was not a job for the faint-hearted. He believed QLDC had been lucky to have had Mr Theelen as Chief Executive for ten years.



5. Pierre Marasti, Extinction Rebellion, Wānaka: Global warming

Mr Marasti noted that despite the warnings, emissions continued to rise and after 40 years of warnings, there was still no meaningful action. Others could not solve the crisis for us. People needed to stop burning fossil fuels, reduce their waste and control population growth and it was the Council's duty to make the community aware of the situation. He suggested that the Council develop policies to make it difficult to use fossil fuels and the QLDC should not support increased traffic through Queenstown Airport as the airport produced 90% of the district's emissions.

**Confirmation of Agenda**

**It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Mitchell):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the agenda be confirmed with the addition of a Notice of Motion to be added at the beginning of the meeting; the reason that the Notice of Motion was not on the agenda is that the documentation was not completed until after the agenda had been published and it cannot be delayed until a future meeting because the Notice of Motion was submitted in accordance with Standing Orders so should be considered at this meeting.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Ordinary meeting of Queenstown Lakes District Council held on 27 November 2025

Councillor Bartlett pointed out a typo in the final part of the resolution for item 1, noting that sequentially, it should be numbered '12.'

**It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Bartlett):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the minutes of the public part of the ordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council as amended held on 27 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**



Draft minutes of the public part of an extraordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held on 23 January 2026

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Mitchell):

“That the minutes of the public part of the extraordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held on 23 January 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Motion: Re: Chief Executive Delegations

Consideration was given to a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gladding:

That the Council:

1. Agrees to conduct a review of all delegations held by the Chief Executive, including delegations held jointly with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, by June 2026.
2. Directs staff to work with the Mayor’s office around sourcing an independent provider for the services needed to conduct the review.

The Chief Executive reminded Councillors of the Standing Orders applicable to Notices of Motion, noting that only Councillor Gladding could make any changes to the text of the Notice of Motion and with the agreement of the majority of those present at the meeting.

Councillor Gladding spoke about her reasons for bringing the Notice of Motion at this time.

Councillor Wong advised that he supported the proposed review as detailed in part one of the Notice of Motion but questioned the methodology as detailed in part 2. Instead, he supported seeking a timeframe for a workshop to consider the question, noting that ideally this should be before the appointment of a new Chief Executive. He had presented Councillor Gladding with some suggested new wording for part 2 of the Notice of Motion.

There was further discussion about potential changes to part 2 of the Notice and Motion.

Councillor Gladding advised that she was prepared to alter part 2 of the Notice of Motion and she stated that the updated text was as follows:

*Direct the Chief Executive to schedule a workshop to discuss the scope of the review and any independent or internal advice required by Councillors.*

The proposed alteration was supported by a majority of those present at the meeting.



**It was moved (Councillor Gladding/Councillor Mitchell):**

**That the Council:**

1. **Agrees** to conduct a review of all delegations held by the Chief Executive, including delegations held jointly with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, by end of August 2026; and
2. **Direct** the Chief Executive to schedule a workshop to discuss the scope of the review and any independent or internal advice required by Councillors.

**Motion carried with Councillor White recording her vote against the motion.**

1. **Adoption of Committee Terms of Reference and Meeting Schedule**

A report from Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Manager) presented proposed Terms of Reference for Council's standing committees for the Council to adopt. The report also proposed a schedule of meetings for Council, the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board and committees for 2026 and sought its adoption.

Mr Winterbottom and Ms Miller presented this report and item 2.

A minor typographical error was noted in the delegations for the Risk and Assurance Committee:

- *Assist the Council's to determine its appetite for risk;*

**It was moved (Councillor Tucker, Councillor Copland):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:**

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Adopt** the Terms of Reference for the following standing committees: Community & Environment Committee, Smart Growth Committee, Assets & Infrastructure Committee, Organisational Excellence Committee, Smart Finance Committee, and Risk & Assurance Committee; and
3. **Adopt** the schedule of meetings for Council, the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board, and committees for 2026.

**Motion carried unanimously.**



2. **Retrospective Agreement of Remuneration Authority Submission**

A report from Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Manager) presented the proposed remuneration for elected members, specifically Councillors, of the Queenstown Lakes District Council for the period following the 2025 local elections to 30 June 2026.

**It was moved (Councillor Wong, Councillor White):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:**

1. **Note** the contents of this report; and
2. **Agree** the remuneration rates for Councillors of the Queenstown Lakes District Council for the period following the 11 October 2025 local elections to 30 June 2026 as follows:
  - a. Deputy Mayor (x1) \$77,516 per annum;
  - b. Committee Chair (x6) \$69,000 per annum; and
  - c. Committee Deputy Chair (x4) \$60,800 per annum.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Approval of Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) Board Skills Matrix, Recruitment Subcommittee and process**

A report from Pennie Pearce (Strategy and Reform Manager) presented for Council approval the steps needed to start recruiting the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) establishment board. The report included establishment of a delegated group responsible for overseeing the recruitment of the board (the 'WSCCO Board Appointment Panel') consisting of a subset of Councillors and proposed key governance settings (board size, director terms, and the approach to the board skills matrix), intended to enable the timely incorporation and progression of the WSCCO Establishment Programme.

Ms Pearce presented the report.

Members considered the number of members allocated to the Appointment Panel and agreed that six members was a better alternative than five members.

**It was moved (Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Belk):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:**

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



2. **Agree** to a one-off approach for appointing the WSCCO establishment board (scope, option 1), with the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors Policy updated later;
3. **Agree** to establish an appointment panel of six elected members to oversee the establishment board appointment (delegated panel option 1) with membership to be confirmed at this meeting;
4. **Appoint** six Councillors (Mayor John Glover, Councillor Gavin Bartlett, Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk, Councillor Stephen Brent, Councillor Niki Gladding, Councillor Cody Tucker) to a panel to undertake the initial recruitment for the QLDC WSCCO establishment board, supported by the appointed recruitment advisor (Sheffield), and to make a recommendation to Council for approval of the establishment board appointments and associated remuneration;
5. **Agree** that the WSCCO establishment board will comprise a full board of up to five directors appointed from the outset (board size, option 3);
6. **Agree** that establishment directors shall be appointed for a fixed three-year term with one right of renewal and staged reappointment provisions to ensure continuity and succession (director term length, option 1); and
7. **Agree** that the WSCCO establishment board skills matrix be maintained as a stand-alone document approved by the delegated appointment panel (skills matrix location, option 2).

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*The Mayor withdrew from the table at 2.27pm and passed the chair to the Deputy Mayor.*

4. **Report and recommendations of the Independent Hearing Panel for the Urban Intensification Variation to the Proposed District Plan**

A report from Amy Bowbyes (Principal Planner – Resource Management Policy) presented the Independent Hearing Panel Recommendation Report on the Urban Intensification Variation to Council and sought its adoption as a Council decision.

Mr Wallace, Ms Hutton and Ms Bowbyes presented the report.



Some concern was expressed that the Arrowtown Design Guidelines had been removed from that part of the plan, principally because they were not otherwise submitted on. Officers advised that one of the variation objectives was to remove barriers and allow intensification so this had followed as a consequential change.

There was discussion about the consequences of withdrawing the Variation.

**It was moved (Councillor Tucker, Councillor Bartlett):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:**

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Adopt** the Independent Hearing Panel Report and recommendations on submissions and further submissions on the Urban Intensification Variation to the Proposed District Plan as a Council decision;
3. **Direct** staff to alter the Proposed District Plan provisions to reflect the recommended change and to correct minor errors and make changes of a minor effect in accordance with clause 16(2) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991;
4. **Note** that adopting the report and recommendations as the Council decision means that the Council also adopts the reasons for those decisions as set out in the Independent Hearing Panel report;
5. **Note** that adopting the Independent Hearing Panel report and recommendations as a Council decision does not mean Council has formed a view on possible future variations mentioned in the report; and
6. **Direct** staff to notify the decision in accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*The meeting adjourned at 3.16pm and reconvened at 3.25pm.*

*The Mayor returned to the chair.*



5. **Climate & Biodiversity Plan 2025-2028 six-monthly progress update**

A report from Kirsty Pope (Senior Advisor, Resilience & Climate Action) and Bill Nicoll (Resilience & Climate Action Manager) presented an overview of the implementation progress of the Climate & Biodiversity Plan 2025-2028 from July – December 2025, responding to a Council resolution of 31 July 2025 requesting six monthly progress reporting to Full Council.

Mr Nicoll, Ms Pope and Ms McCool presented the report. Mr Nicoll noted that this was the first formal report to Council for the Climate & Biodiversity Plan 2025-2028.

Officers responded to a number of questions and noted that a new tool was being developed for emissions monitoring.

**It was moved (Councillor Smith, Councillor White):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **Chief Executive's Report**

A report from Chief Executive sought Council approval of the following:

- a. Amendment to the Protected Disclosures (Protection of Whistleblowers) Policy;
- b. Minor Corrections to Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 / Te Ture ā-Rohe mō te Noho Puni Korehere 2025;
- c. New Officer Delegations under Resource Management Act 1991;
- d. Adoption of the Otago Local Authorities Triennial Agreement 2026-2029;
- e. Adoption of the Local Governance Statement;
- f. Proposed Hearing Panel for Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan;
- g. Minister's Approval for the Wānaka Golf Club to Construct a New Clubhouse Facility on the Wānaka Golf Course Recreation Reserve;
- h. Underground Services Easement in Favour of Connexa Ltd Over Forest Heights Recreation Reserve;
- i. Request for a Temporary Easement over a Recreation Reserve Located on the Hopkins Street Recreation Reserve/Luggate Community Hall, Luggate;

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- j. Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) recommended project prioritisation in 2026/27 Annual Plan or earlier in the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan; and
- k. Use of the Wānaka Asset Sales Reserve (WASR), noting that final decision-making sits with Council but working in conjunction with WUCCB.

Councillor Mitchell asked for a statement be added to be the beginning of the Local Governance Statement identifying hazard and emergency management as this was one of the key functions of local government.

Members also agreed that what had been decided earlier in the meeting regarding the establishment of a WSCCO should be updated in the Local Governance Statement to reflect the current status.

There was further discussion about the recommendation from Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board regarding prioritisation of Wānaka-Upper Clutha projects. Some concern was expressed that formal approval of the Board's priorities could fetter future decision-making on the 2026-27 Annual Plan and Councillors were reluctant to use the verb 'approve'. The Chief Executive suggested that instead the Council resolve to 'receive' the priorities, which acknowledged the Board's wishes but implied no formal acceptance.

**It was moved (Councillor Smith, Councillor Mitchell):**

**That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve to:**

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

Approval of change to Protected Disclosures (Protection of Whistleblowers) Policy

2. **Approve** the following amendment to the Protected Disclosures (Protection of Whistleblowers) Policy:

Delete:

~~Direct an email to [afchair@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:afchair@qldc.govt.nz), the Independent Chair of the AFR Committee, or in their absence, the Deputy Independent Chair.~~

Replace with:

Direct an email to [speakout@hrassociate.co.nz](mailto:speakout@hrassociate.co.nz), the Independent Whistleblower Supplier.



Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025

3. **Amend** the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 / Ture ā-Rohe mō te Noho Puni Korehere 2025 maps, pursuant to section 11B(4) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 as follows:
  - a. Cardrona Village: add prohibited urban area roads;
  - b. Makarora: add prohibited urban area roads;
  - c. Hāwea Flat: add restricted rural roads and prohibited areas;
  - d. Arrowtown access road from Centennial Avenue to Arrow River Bridges Trail: add restricted rural road;
  - e. Glendhu Bay, parcel between lake and reserve: add prohibited area;
  - f. Victoria Flats Landfill: add prohibited area;
  - g. Frankton, carparking area off Robertson Street: change to reserve status;
4. **Note** that public notice will be given in accordance with section 11B(4) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 advising of the corrections;

Minor Amendments to Resource Management Act 1991 Delegations

5. **Approve** the changes to the Queenstown Lakes District Council's Delegations Register to ensure that officer delegations are in line with recent amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991;

Otago Local Authorities Triennial Agreement 2026-29

6. **Ratify** the Otago Local Authorities Triennial Agreement 2026-29;
7. **Authorise** the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Queenstown Lakes District Council;

Adoption of Local Governance Statement 2025-28

8. **Adopt** the Local Governance Statement 2025-28;



Hearing Panel for Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan

9. **Appoint** Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Brent and Councillor Wong (with Councillor Mitchell as reserve) to form a panel to hear and consider submissions on the Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan and make a recommendation on the final form of the Reserve Management Plan to the Community & Environment Committee;

**Recommendations from Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board**

Minister's Approval for the Wānaka Golf Club to Construct a New Clubhouse Facility on the Wānaka Golf Course Recreation Reserve

10. **Agree** to grant the Minister's approval (under delegation from the Minister of Conservation) to the Wānaka Golf Club for the planned new clubhouse building on the Wānaka Golf Course Recreation Reserve;

Underground Services Easement in Favour of Connexa Ltd Over Forest Heights Recreation Reserve

11. **Agree** to exercise the Minister's consent and approve an underground services (electrical and telecommunications) easement over Forest Heights Recreation Reserve, legally described as lot 721 DP 399076, in favour of Connexa Ltd in general accordance with the indicated easement plan, Figure 2;
12. **Delegate** authority to approve final alignment, terms and conditions of the easement and execution authority to the General Manager, Community Services.

Request for a Temporary Easement over a Recreation Reserve Located on the Hopkins Street Recreation Reserve/Luggate Community Hall, Luggate

13. **Approve** subject to section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 for the following:
  - a. A temporary wastewater easement to accommodate an underground pipe, over reserve Lot 12 DP 9232, in favour of Packhorse Trading Limited as the owner of Lots 1 & 2 DP 9232; and



- b. Direct that associated works shall address the following:
    - i. Be in accordance with RM250047 and associated QLDC engineering approvals;
    - ii. A \$2,000 bond payable to the Queenstown Lakes District Council, prior to any excavation of the areas of Recreation Reserve, or as per Council's Connection to Services requirements;
    - iii. Require that the easement shall only remain in place until such time as reticulated wastewater services become available to Lots 1 & 2 DP 9232. When a connection to reticulated services becomes feasible, that the owner of Lots 1 & 2 DP 9232 must connect to those services and the easement shall be surrendered and the pipe decommissioned to Council's requirements;
    - iv. Require that easement fees are charged under the Easement Policy 2008;
  14. **Agree** that notification to grant the easement is not required, as a statutory test in Section 48(3) of the Reserves Act 1977 is met for the reasons set out in this report;
  15. **Approve** the exercise of the Minister's consent (under delegation from the Minister of Conservation) to the granting of the identified easements over Council Reserve Land;
  16. **Delegate** authority to approve final terms and conditions and execution authority to the General Manager, Community Services.
- Project Prioritisation in 2026/27 Annual Plan or earlier in the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan
17. **Receive** the prioritisation of these projects in 2026/27 Annual Plan or earlier in the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan:
    - a. Roys Bay Jetty/Pier
    - b. Wānaka Lakefront Development (WLDP)



- c. Full-size multi-use artificial turf facility
- d. Active Transport
- e. Arts and Community Facilities

18. Agree that any allocation from the Wānaka Asset Sales Reserve by Council should be agreed to in conjunction with the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution to Exclude the Public**

It was moved (The Mayor, Councillor Bartlett)

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

**Confirmation of minutes 27 November 2025**

Item 10: Appointment of Commissioners to the Independent Hearings Panel for the Private Plan Change to the Hills Resort Zone of the Proposed District Plan

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
Item 10: Appointment of Commissioners to the Independent Hearings Panel for the Private Plan Change to the Hills Resort Zone of the Proposed District Plan	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p><i>Section and Grounds</i>                      7(2)(a) To enable Council to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;</p>	Section 7(2)(a)



General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
	<p><i>Reason for this recommendation</i> The withholding of the information is necessary to enable candid discussion of commissioners' skill sets so that appropriate individuals are selected for a particular Independent Hearing Panel. This necessitates discussion of personal qualities and skills, and this requirement outweighs any public interest consideration.</p>	

**Confirmation of minutes 23 January 2026**

Item 1: Consideration of Chief Executive Relationship & Recruitment Subcommittee's Recommendation on Appointment of Interim Chief Executive

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
<p>Item 1: Consideration of Chief Executive Relationship &amp; Recruitment Subcommittee's Recommendation on Appointment of Interim Chief Executive</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p><i>Section and Grounds</i> 7(2)(a) To enable Council to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;</p> <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i> This meeting will involve consideration of confidential and private information related to employment matters. While there is significant public interest in the recruitment of an Interim Chief Executive, the interest identified</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a)</p>

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General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
	above outweighs the public interest in this case.	

**Agenda items**

Item7: Appoint Recruitment Agency Services for Chief Executive Recruitment

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
Item 7: Appoint Recruitment Agency Services for Chief Executive Recruitment	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p><i>Section and Grounds</i> 7(2)(h) To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities;</p> <p><i>Reason for this recommendation</i> This discussion will involve the review of commercially sensitive information related to procurement of the recruiters and this process is confidential with the subcommittee. Whilst there is public interest in the use of Council funds, it is important that such transactions be considered with the public excluded to ensure the best potential value for the community in the use of those funds.</p>	Section 7(2)(h)



**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 or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.**

*The meeting went into public excluded at 4.13pm.*

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*The meeting came out of public excluded and concluded at 4.33pm.*

**Confirmed as a true and correct record:**



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**MAYOR**

20/3/2026,

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**DATE**