

**Council Workshop**

Tuesday, 20 August, 2024 at 1.00pm  
Council Chambers, Gorge Road, Queenstown

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Bartlett (Chair)	Councillor Bruce (online)
	Councillor Cocks	Councillor Ferguson (online)
	Councillor Gladding (online)	Mayor Glyn Lewes (online)
	Councillor Smith (online)	Councillor Tucker
	Councillor White	Councillor Whitehead
	Councillor Wong	
	Mr Chris Hadfield (online, item 4)	Mr John Wellington (online item 4)
	Mr Simon Telfer (online, item 4)	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor Guy	Ms Linda Joll
<b>In attendance:</b>	Meaghan Miller	Katherine Harbrow
	Sean Gillespie	Pennie Pearce
	Roger Davidson	Kirsty Pope
	Charlotte Wallis	Tony Avery
	Kenneth Bailey	Naell Crosby-Roe
	Dave Winterburn	Briana Pringle
	Stewart Burns	Simon Battrick
	Diana Pietruschke	Bill Nichol
	Dan Crosby	Jon Winterbottom
	Dr Lesley Van Gelder (Chair of the Climate Reference Group)	
	No members of the public	No members of the media

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1.	<p><b><u>Climate Reference Group Update</u></b></p> <p>Bill Nicoll introduced Dr Lesley Van Gelder, who spoke to a PowerPoint presentation. Mr Nicoll and Dr Van Gelder then responded to questions.</p> <p>Dr Van Gelder provided background on the Climate Reference Group (CRG) and the Climate and Biodiversity Plan. Dr Van Gelder highlighted that, based on community engagement, the community wants CRG to be doing more in the climate and biodiversity space.</p> <p>Mr Nicoll highlighted that the Climate Change Commission had met with CRG.</p>	<p>In response to a request, Dr Van Gelder indicated that CRG could comment on the Climate and Biodiversity Team's quarterly (standing) report to the Audit, Finance &amp; Risk Committee so that elected members can understand</p>

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	<p>Dr Van Gelder indicated that a key goal is creating capacity for CRG members both to mentor and to learn from younger persons, e.g. in schools.</p> <p>It was clarified that the QLDC Resilience and Climate Action Team holds regular six weekly meetings with the CRG, during which advice and guidance is shared. The CRG also contributes their subject expertise through their partnered submissions with Council.</p> <p>In response to a query, Dr Van Gelder noted that CRG's submission on the Long Term Plan included some critiques that highlighted where there is room for improvement. Dr Van Gelder also highlighted that CRG is an independent advisory group, and therefore avoids acting in an oversight role.</p> <p><b>Attachments: (see workshop agenda)</b>  <i>Attachment A: CRG Update Slide Deck</i>  <i>Attachment B: CRG Terms of Reference V2.9</i></p>	<p>CRG's view of the report.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>June 2024 Quarterly Report</u></b></p> <p>Diana Pietruschke, Meaghan Miller and Dan Crosby presented the item and spoke to a PowerPoint.</p> <p>Ms Miller introduced new Assurance, Finance and Risk General Manager Katherine Harbrow.</p> <p>Mr Crosby provided some context on the quarterly report, noting the June 2023 report wasn't issued as it was covered in the Annual Report. In response to a query, it was clarified that the Annual Report for 2024 is delayed with legislative changes, now due on 12 December (a two-month delay).</p> <p>Ms Pietruschke focused on highlights and challenges staff had identified from the overall report.</p> <p>Officers responded to questions and engaged in further discussion on issues related to monitoring of water loss, AI as a potential tool for QLDC, vested assets and waste.</p> <p><b>Attachments: (see workshop agenda)</b>  <i>Attachment A: June 2024 Quarterly Report</i></p>	<p>In response to a request, Ms Miller indicated that staff would prepare a comment in the next report providing information on food inspection priorities.</p>

3.	<p><b><u>Ben Lomond/Reavers Recovery Works Update</u></b></p> <p>It was recommended that this subject matter be discussed while the public is excluded. This recommendation was 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 589 1390 943"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="300 589 852 629"><i>Section and Grounds</i></th> <th data-bbox="852 589 1390 629"><i>Reason for this recommendation</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 629 852 943">6(c) to avoid prejudicing the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial</td> <td data-bbox="852 629 1390 943">The matter being addressed is subject to ongoing enforcement investigation. It is necessary to discuss and consider advice with the public excluded as disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the right to fair consideration of any enforcement proceedings.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<i>Section and Grounds</i>	<i>Reason for this recommendation</i>	6(c) to avoid prejudicing the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial	The matter being addressed is subject to ongoing enforcement investigation. It is necessary to discuss and consider advice with the public excluded as disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the right to fair consideration of any enforcement proceedings.
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4.	<p><b><u>101 Ballantyne Road briefing</u></b></p> <p>Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board (WUCCB) elected members were invited to join the Council Workshop for this briefing item.</p> <p>It was recommended that this subject matter be discussed while the public is excluded. This recommendation was 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1413 1390 1870"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="300 1413 852 1453"><i>Section and Grounds</i></th> <th data-bbox="852 1413 1390 1453"><i>Reason for this recommendation</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 1453 852 1870">7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</td> <td data-bbox="852 1453 1390 1870">Negotiations on this matter need to be undertaken with the public excluded to not disadvantage Council’s negotiating position or benefit other parties, and risk the opportunity to deliver the best outcome for the community. Whilst there is public interest in use of public funds the countervailing benefit of achieving the best outcome outweighs that interest.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<i>Section and Grounds</i>	<i>Reason for this recommendation</i>	7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Negotiations on this matter need to be undertaken with the public excluded to not disadvantage Council’s negotiating position or benefit other parties, and risk the opportunity to deliver the best outcome for the community. Whilst there is public interest in use of public funds the countervailing benefit of achieving the best outcome outweighs that interest.
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The workshop concluded at 3.55pm.