

Minutes of an Infrastructure Committee Workshop

Thursday, 1 May 2025 at 9.30am
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown

Present:	Councillor Gavin Bartlett (Chair)	Councillor Lyal Cocks
	Councillor Cody Tucker	Councillor Lisa Guy
	Councillor Craig Ferguson (online)	Councillor Quentin Smith (online)
Apologies:		
In attendance:	Councillor Melissa White (online)	Councillor Barry Bruce (online)
	Tony Avery	Hugo De Cosse Brissac
	Ben Greenwood	Brent Pearce
	Simon Mason	Matthew Hulscher
	Alison Tomlinson	Adrienne Hooper
	Monique Barnes	Sarah Thomson
	Gavin Flynn	Leigh Mutton
Media:	No members of the media were in attendance	
Public:	No members of the public in attendance	

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p><u>Roading Contract Procurement</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to present the contract renewal framework, outline the areas for consideration and seek the Committee's feedback that will be accounted for within the procurement plan and subsequent documentation.</p> <p>Ben Greenwood (Roading Operations and Contracts Manager), Alison Tomlinson (Strategic Asset Manager) and Simon Mason (Infrastructure Operations Manager) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Greenwood outlined the current contract model, the successes during the current contract period and how it connects to the strategic goals of Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). 	None.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that QLDC is looking at collaboration opportunities with neighbouring jurisdictions, but that it is unlikely there will be a combined contract arrangement with other councils. • Different delivery models, and the difference between NOC and traditional contracts were discussed. • In particular, it was explained that NOC contracts typically involve greater ownership of asset management by the contractor versus a traditional contract model where asset management is internal. • Councillor Tucker enquired about KPIs in the contract and whether they will be reviewed. It was confirmed that all KPIs of the current contract model will be reviewed. • Mr Greenwood confirmed a small to medium-sized enterprise (SME) based in Wānaka has been procured to undertake an assessment of the current contract and analyse opportunities for the next contract. • Councillor Bartlett enquired about the nature of the existing contracts for reseal and rehabilitation work. It was confirmed that separate contract arrangements exist currently for different roading work. • Ms Tomlinson noted that it is a goal, over the course of the next contract period, to upskill Council officers to a point that all asset management can be kept internally at Council. • Mr Greenwood noted that greater control of traffic signals may be required of the Council in the future. • Councillor Cocks enquired about the current management of traffic signals in the district. • Mr Greenwood discussed the key risks associated with the renewal of the roading contract and noted that it is recommended that the current model is maintained for the next contract. • Mr Mason also noted a workshop was held with Downer, with the general feedback suggesting that the current contract model works well. • Councillor Smith asked about the challenges with rural and unsealed roads and ensuring service levels are maintained. • Councillor Smith also enquired about the difference in maintenance standards of roading relative to shared paths and trails. Mr Greenwood noted that generally the roading contractor is responsible for the maintenance of shared paths and trails, but the budget for this maintenance comes from the Parks team. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Smith noted inconsistency between the management of roading and trails and shared paths. Mr Greenwood noted QLDC might need to make pathways a greater focus moving forward. Ms Tomlinson further noted that the increase in active travel has increased the importance on this matter. • Councillor Cocks enquired about the procurement process for an SME to review and assess the current contract arrangement. • Councillor Cocks also asked about the decision-making process for closing and maintaining the Crown Range. Mr Greenwood confirmed that QLDC makes the final call on those decisions. • Councillor Guy asked about the changing use of the roading infrastructure across the district. Mr Greenwood noted it is a more strategic matter that would potentially be addressed in the Long Term Plan process. • Mr Greenwood noted this discussion is for routine maintenance and routine renewal of roading infrastructure. • Councillor Bruce asked about the non-productive travel distances for the contractor to reach rural roads, and whether a closer locally-based contractor could be considered. Mr Greenwood noted that the contractor is responsible for efficiently attending to those roads, and that closer monitoring of the contractor may be required by QLDC. • Councillor Bruce noted the long intervals on the maintenance between the roads, particularly the road to the Raspberry Creek Car Park. Mr Greenwood noted that there is a valid question to be asked regarding the value of service, particularly for the grading of these rural roads. • Councillor Smith noted the surge in demand on some of these rural roads. • Ms Tomlinson noted that from an Asset Management perspective the unsealed roads is an area that can be improved. <p>Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Presentation Slides</i></p>	

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2.	<p><u>Minor Improvements Programme Priorities</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to present the latest draft of the Minor Improvements Programme, with an emphasis on Queenstown (Whakatipu) Projects.</p> <p>Ben Greenwood (Roading Operations and Contracts Manager), Simon Mason (Infrastructure Operations Manager), Hugo De Cosse Brissac (Civil Engineer – Roading) and Leigh Mutton (Project Manager – Roading) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Greenwood discussed the budget for the Minor Improvements Programme, and what projects are being funded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). • It was noted that, although final numbers are yet to be confirmed, a line has now been able to be drawn for projects that will and won't be funded. • Mr Greenwood provided a brief overview of the projects within budget for the Whakatipu area, noting that projects in the Upper Clutha ward will be discussed at the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board workshop on Thursday 8 May. • Councillor Cocks asked about safety improvements at intersections between state highways and Council-owned roads. Mr Greenwood confirmed he doesn't currently have that information and noted he can enquire with NZTA. <p>Attachments: <i>Attachment A: Presentation and Draft Programme</i></p>	<p>Mr Greenwood to obtain NZTA's Minor Improvements Programme for Councillor Cocks.</p>
3.	<p><u>Land Transport Rule - Setting of Speed Limits 2024</u></p> <p>The purpose of this item was to brief Councillors on the new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 and the new approach to speed management.</p> <p>Alison Tomlinson (Strategic Asset Manager), Brent Pearce (Strategy and Infrastructure Planning Manager), Adrienne Hooper (Senior Infrastructure Planner - Transport) and Monique Barnes (Senior Civil Engineer – Transport) introduced the item and spoke to a presentation (Attachment A).</p>	<p>None.</p>

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	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Tomlinson provided a background of speed limit management in the district. • Discussion was held regarding variable speed limits near schools in the district. • Councillor Cocks noted that the most common complaints he receives are around speed limit changes and enquired as to how we are going to explain the upcoming changes to the community. Ms Tomlinson noted that community consultation will occur. • Councillor Cocks enquired about collaboration on speed limits with the NZTA. Ms Tomlinson noted that collaboration with NZTA occurs. • Councillor Smith expressed his view that only the necessary changes be adopted for now. • Ms Tomlinson discussed several examples to get a sense of how the Central Government directives are being managed across New Zealand. • Councillor Bartlett sought clarification on the timelines and history of speed management in the district. • Councillors expressed and discussed their varied views on speed management across the district. <p>Attachments: Attachment A: <i>Presentation slides</i></p>	

The workshop concluded at 11.32am