

Minutes of a Council Workshop

Tuesday, 18 June 2024 at 1.00pm
Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown

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| Present: | Mayor Glyn Lewers (item 1 only) | Councillor Gavin Bartlett |
| | Councillor Barry Bruce (online) | Councillor Lyal Cocks |
| | Councillor Craig Ferguson (online, item 1 only) | Councillor Niki Gladding |
| | Councillor Lisa Guy | Councillor Quentin Smith |
| | Councillor Cody Tucker | Councillor Melissa White (online) |
| | Councillor Matthew Wong | |
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| Apologies: | Councillor Esther Whitehead | |
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| In attendance: | Michelle Morss | Anita Vanstone |
| | Emily Irwin | Luke Place |
| | Alyson Hutton | Ren Kirk |
| | Peter Harris | Naell Crosby-Roe (online) |
| | Jinene Clark (High Growth Startup Coach, Startup Queenstown-Lakes) | Kelly McAteer (Membership & Development Manager, Queenstown Business Chamber of Commerce) (online) |
| | Jon Winterbottom | |
| | No members of the public | No members of the media |

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| 1. | <p><u>Short-term Visitor Accommodation (VA) Activities</u></p> <p>The purpose of this workshop was to provide Elected Members with an update on preliminary analysis undertaken on alternative tools (including the development of a local act) to manage the impacts of short-term visitor VA on the district's housing availability and affordability challenge, and to seek feedback from Elected Members to guide possible next steps.</p> <p>Luke Place and Emily Irwin spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment B). Staff responded to questions.</p> | <p>Request to explore other tools for managing short-term VA, e.g. a local act, potential changes to the District Plan, and the use of rating.</p> |

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| | <p>The range of tools available were discussed (including the RMA/District Plan, rates, bylaws, monitoring and enforcement, city/regional deals, and a local act). Elected members were interested in understanding the pros and cons of the different options.</p> <p>Officers requested feedback on whether a local act would be useful. Concern was raised over viability of a local act.</p> <p>Attachments: (see workshop agenda) Attachment A: A3 Queenstown Lakes Housing Story Attachment B: Workshop presentation – Short-term visitor accommodation activities, Impacts on the housing market, Preliminary investigations into a local act</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Economic Diversification Plan Update</u></p> <p>Councillors were asked to review the updated draft Economic Diversification Plan (attachment A) and draft Economic Diversification Year 1 Action Plan (attachment B), ahead of the Full Council meeting on 1 August (at which endorsement of the plan will be sought).</p> <p>The briefing included an overview of the partners and supporters, as outlined on page 2 of attachment A.</p> <p>Peter Harris spoke to a PowerPoint and responded to questions.</p> <p>Kelly McAteer (Queenstown Chamber of Commerce) joined via Teams to discuss her experiences discussing potential careers in tech with students from Wakatipu High School at Host Tech 2024. Jinene Clark (Startup Queenstown-Lakes) also joined via Teams to share her experiences discussing startups with young adults in the district.</p> | |

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| | <p>Discussion of vocational training and ITOs including how to make the district more attractive as a centre for vocational training.</p> <p>Attachments: (see workshop agenda) Attachment A: Draft Economic Diversification Plan Attachment B: Draft Economic Diversification Year 1 Action Plan Attachment C: Draft Economic Diversification Plan presentation slides</p> | |

The workshop concluded at 2.45pm