



Council Information Session/Workshop NOTES

Date: Tuesday 2 April 2024
Time: 10.00 am - 11.15 am
Venue: Council Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6439418430?omn=86418455067>
Meeting ID: 643 941 8430

Present

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauger
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Celeste Donovan
	Councillor Tyrone Fields
	Councillor James Gough
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt
	Councillor Victoria Henstock
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Jake McLellan
	Councillor Andrei Moore
	Councillor Mark Peters
	Councillor Tim Scandrett
	Councillor Sara Templeton

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Please Note:
This forum has no decision-making powers and is purely for information sharing.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

There were no apologies received. Councillors Donovan, Peters and Harrison-Hunt joined via zoom.

2. Council submission on Fast-Track Approvals Bill

Presented by John Higgins, Head of Planning and Consents, Helaina Gregg, Principal Advisor Policy, and Brent Pizzey, Senior Legal Counsel

- Helaina presented slides. Note process which enables resource consents to be fast tracked similar to COVID fast track process. Talked through the current bill, key benefits and implications for Christchurch City Council.
- Brent discussed projects eligible for submission. Teir one and two projects. Note OARC may be only project eligible for submission currently, and would require more work before submitting.
- Councillor Scandrett noted that OARC doesn't need fast track, it needs a reconsideration on how to achieve it. Brent raised that fast track would streamline the process into one consent. One application, one panel, one recommendation.
- Councillor Templeton requested a stronger stance on current drafted points. Noted Minister of Environment should be included. Requests clear guideline around conflicts, and for what is considered 'significant' to be defined. Noted that it's hard to give feedback without ability to see full list of projects. Would like to see Māori experts on the panel and consideration of environmental harm as bad for international reputation.
- Councillor Fields queried how the Act was to be measured. Staff note that there is no provision that requires progress updates under the act.
- Councillor Fields noted concern over South Island relevance taken into account. Would like a better sense of impact. Staff note that expect it would be similar to COVID process.
- Councillor Coker asked about managing impacts and what it means that it would be managed by Council. Discussion of greenspace and management of consents.
- Councillor Coker asked for increased robustness regarding 25, 26, 27, and 28. Discussion about tone of submission, adherence to current District Plan.
- Councillor Johanson queried whether it would impact Sail GP and current marine protection. Staff confirmed that no resource consents were required, so no impact.
- Councillor Scandrett would like importance of zoning underlined. Discussion regarding importance of fast track processes needing support for development. Staff note that council would like to push for zoning to be considered.
- Councillor Cotter asked if council detention plans or the organics plant would meet requirements. Staff don't consider detention plans will meet criteria, and organics plant may not require. Discussion of landfill remediation and wastewater. Staff note not ready.

- Councillor Templeton asked if council can specify spatial plan and infrastructure. Staff agree.
- Discussion of impacts and mitigation of future costs of the city.

3. Canterbury Museum present Draft Annual Plan 2024/25

Presented by David Ayers - Chair, Canterbury Museum Trust Board, Anthony Wright - Director, Canterbury Museum and Nigel Tecofsky - Financial Controller, Canterbury Museum

- Canterbury Museum staff discussed the gifted names for their narrative and journey. Discussed background, the current draft annual plan, and went through where the project is currently and the planned improvements.
- Mayor Mauger asked if Quake City would be staying. Antony confirmed that at this point it would be staying.
- Discussion of asbestos, strengthening and demolition.
- Discussion about the current cultural crisis across the city and support for other organisations.
- Councillor Keown asked if consideration was given to costing. Antony commented that research shows that charging correlated with a 70% drop which threatens other income. Not a consideration at this time. Discussion of museums that do charge, importance of foot traffic.
- Councillor Templeton asked whether, with less permanent installation plan, quake city will be kept as a part of the city's history. Antony discussed plan to be more flexible than prior. Councillor Templeton raised that residents may like to visit without the cost of current model.
- Councillor Barber asked about visitor numbers prior. Antony confirmed numbers dropped below 30k in mid 1990s, however increased to 85k per year pre COVID. Expect 1.2m in first year of reopening.
- Councillor Barber asked about the donation box. Antony confirmed that it has increased massively at COCA, tap & donate has made a difference.
- Councillor Fields queried whether the balance of rates funding across councils is correct. Antony notes this is outside of their control.

Meeting concluded at 11:34am.