
Workshop - Council NOTES

Date: Tuesday 9 September 2025
Time: 10.16 am
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
Open session will be livestreamed

Present

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

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

Deputy Mayor Cotter Chaired the workshop until the Mayor's arrival.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Mauger, Councillor Gough, and Councillor MacDonald.

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Henstock.

Secretarial Note: Mayor Mauger joined the workshop later and therefore was an apology for partial absence.

Item 3 – Underground Assets Register

This item was deferred and will be carried forward to the next workshop.

Councillor Templeton joined the workshop at 10:19 am.

Councillor Johanson left the workshop at 10:19 am and returned at 10:20am.

Councillor Donovan joined the workshop at 10:23 am during Item 2 - Plan Change 21.

Councillor Henstock joined the workshop at 10:26 am during Item 2 - Plan Change 21.

Mayor Mauger joined the workshop at 10:47 am during Item 2 - Plan Change 21 and Chaired the workshop from his arrival.

2. Plan Change 21 - Central City Noise; Pre-Notification Engagement - Consultation Feedback


Presented by Liz White - Planning Consultant, Hannah Ballantyne – Senior Engagement Advisor and Darren Bridgett – Team Leader City Planning.

Staff presented the feedback received through the pre-notification engagement process for Plan Change 21 – Central City Noise.

Key discussions –

- Recap on Plan Change 21, current District Plan approach, summary of preferred option for engagement and other options considered.
- The Council is considering updates to the District Plan to better manage noise levels, particularly in mixed-use zones where residential and entertainment activities coexist.
- Summary of pre-engagement feedback. Residents' concerns about late night noise, hospitality and entertainment venues emphasising the importance of a vibrant night life, and developers requiring consistency and clarity to support future development.
- Changes to the RMA and plan stop legislation implications. Next steps regarding whether the Council wishes to seek an exemption (report to Council 10 September 2025).
- **Action:** Consider undertaking a comparative study of other urban centres to evaluate noise levels in relation to their respective levels of vibrancy.
- **Action:** For the workshop with the new Council on noise limit enforcement, to explore and assess potential strategies through which the Council may influence enhancing enforcement practices.

Attachments

- A Plan Change 21 Central City Noise - 9 September 2025 

3. Plan Change Programme - Plan Stop and Exemptions

Presented by Darren Bridgett – Team Leader City Planning and Mark Stevenson – Head of Planning and Consents.

Staff presented the Plan Change Programme.

Key discussions–

- Update on the Plan Change Programme, the Plan Stop Council Report of 10 September 2025 Council, discretionary criteria in the Act relevant to Council's plan change programme, MFE advice and Plan Stop exemption questions, and urgency considerations.
- The status of current plan change work and if they are eligible for exemption and the criteria to do so.
- Urgency considerations. Update on urgency of individual Plan Changes and what is reasonable.
- **PC7** (Managing significant indigenous vegetation), **PC17** (Earthworks, Flood Management Areas, Waimakariri Stopbank Setbacks), **PC20** (Industrial interface), **PC21** (Central City Noise) and **PC Kerrs Reach**. It was noted that these Plan Changes had not been formally notified.
- Staff recommended proceeding with the notified version of PC7 and combined version of PC20 and rezoning.
- Plan Change timelines will be presented to the Council, potentially early in the new term, contingent upon the approval of the proposed exemptions.
- There was a discussion regarding the ability to review the port noise overlay.
Action: To provide further advice on a proposed plan change to review the Port Noise Influences overlay.
- **Action:** Email Councillors detailing if there is a cost to ratepayers for the proposed relocation of Kerrs Reach across the river, and if so, what this would be.

Attachments

- A Plan Stop and Plan Change Exemptions - 9 September 2025 

Councillor Harrison-Hunt left the workshop at 11:12 am and did not return.

Councillor Scandrett left the workshop at 11:14 am and returned at 11:17 am.

Deputy Mayor Cotter left the workshop at 11:17 am and returned at 11:22 am.

Workshop concluded at 11:23 am.