
Workshop - Council NOTES

Date: Tuesday 18 November 2025
Time: 9:30 am
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauger
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor David Cartwright
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Pauline Cotter
	Councillor Celeste Donovan
	Councillor Tyrone Fields
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt – by audiovisual link
	Councillor Nathaniel Herz Jardine
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Jake McLellan
	Councillor Andrei Moore
	Councillor Mark Peters
	Councillor Tim Scandrett

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

An apology was received from Councillor MacDonald for absence.

During the presentation regarding the Draft Submission on Local Government Standing Orders:

- Councillor Johanson joined the workshop at 9.36 am.
- Councillor McLellan left the workshop at 9.39 am and rejoined at 9.42 am.

2. Draft Submission - Local Government Standing Orders

Presented by Katie Matheis – Senior Democratic Services Advisor.

- Staff provided a presentation regarding the draft submission on the Local Government Standing Orders (LGSO) Consultation (see **Attachment A** to item 2).
- The draft submission acknowledges improvements in structure and clarity, and to various processes in the LGSO but highlights areas for refinement, including formatting, dual-language headings, reinstating principles, including reference to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and adopting consistent language around mandatory provisions.
- The submission supports the discretionary provisions for debate procedures, a casting vote and time limits while recommending flexibility on meeting duration.
- Key concerns relate to accessibility and transparency: copyright restrictions could prevent councils from sharing or publishing standing orders, undermining public trust. There is also uncertainty about purchase costs and distribution. The draft submission recommends guidance on these issues be provided as soon as possible.
- In response to questions from Elected Members, staff confirmed that the Chairperson can waive notice requirements for public participation, noted that councils may choose to develop policies for matters not covered by standing orders and that staff would continue to arrange translation services as necessary, including for sign language.
- Elected members did not request any changes to the draft submission prior to it being presented to Council for approval on 3 December 2025.

Attachments

A Draft Submission - Local Government Standing Orders - presentation 

The workshop adjourned at 9.46 am and reconvened at 9.52 am.

During the presentation regarding Current Waste Services:

- Councillor Moore rejoined the workshop at 10.03 am.
- Councillor McLellan left the workshop at 10.14 and rejoined during the public excluded session.

3. Current Waste Services

Presented by Eilidh Hilson – Contract Supervisor Recycling and Tania Lees – Team Leader Resource Recovery.

- Staff provided a presentation on the Council's current waste services (see **Attachment A** to item 3).

- The Council provides kerbside collection for green (organics), red (rubbish), and yellow (recycling) bins, with around 532,000 bins in service across Christchurch and Banks Peninsula. Smaller bins and communal options are available where needed, and community collection points serve properties in hard-to-access areas of the Peninsula. The cost of green and yellow bins is covered by the general rate, while red bin costs are funded through the Uniform Annual General Charge. Waste Management Ltd holds the contract for kerbside bin collection, which is scheduled to run until 2029.
- Transfer stations offer free drop-off for hazardous and e-waste goods repurposing and whiteware disposal. Refuse, green waste, hardfill and plasterboard are charged for. The workshop considered how gate fees affect transfer station use and discussed ways to reduce fly tipping, particularly near the University during peak times.
- Living Earth continues to operate the Organics Processing Plant, though green waste from Parkhouse Road and Styx Mill are processed by Ecocentral. All green waste will be processed at the Ecogas facility opening in late 2027.
- Battery recycling is expanding from six to eight sites, with all sites being upgraded to improve safety. Batteries should be kept out of landfill and kerbside collection as they are a fire risk. Councillors expressed interest in ensuring battery recycling sites being spread evenly across the city.
- The Ecocentral Material Recovery Facility (MRF) on Parkhouse Road processes about 31,000 tonnes of recycling annually, sorting materials for sale as commodities to offset processing costs. Contamination control and reporting have significantly improved since the 2022 upgrade.
- Kate Valley Landfill handles all residual and contaminated waste under a joint venture arrangement. Burwood Landfill remains consented to accept low-level contaminated soil until June 2026, and its consent has been extended previously.
- Education initiatives include the Christchurch Bins app, community events, school programmes, and MRF open days, with growing public awareness. Bin audits and education have cut contamination from nearly 50% in 2020 to under 5%, saving significant landfill costs. The cost of bin audits is shared between the Council and Waste Management.
- The 2026/27 budget is forecast at \$54.45 million: 55% for collection and processing, 42% for disposal, 2% for education, and 1% for transfer stations. In 2024/25, 11.2 million bins were serviced and 41,446 enquiries managed, mainly for missed collections and damaged bins.

Attachments

A Current Waste Services - presentation 

The workshop adjourned at 10.30 am and reconvened at 10.48 am.

6. Items Closed to the Public Ngā Take mō te wāhanga o te hui e rāhui ana ki te hunga tūmatanui

The workshop went into public excluded to consider the confidential items advertised at the end of the public agenda.

The public were re-admitted to the workshop at 11.43 am.

4. Former Phillipstown School Site – 39 Nursery Road, Phillipstown

Presented by Angus Smith – Manager Property Consultancy and Claire Phillips – Manager Community Planning & Projects.

- Staff provided a presentation on the Phillipstown Community Hub (see **Attachment A** to item 4).
- The Ministry of Education is disposing of part of the former Phillipstown School site. The Council has until 28 February 2026 to exercise an option to purchase. This extension allows time to consider options, including full or partial purchase, which MOE has indicated may be possible. Any purchase would be at market value under the Public Works Act.
- The site includes areas MOE will retain and a disposal area of about 0.92 hectares managed by the Phillipstown Community Centre Trust. The Council owns a building on leased MOE land, with the lease expiring in September 2026. Councillors highlighted the need to clarify the future of this building and raised questions about future rezoning.
- The old school buildings are in poor condition, with deferred maintenance and likely asbestos. Councillors noted the risk of acquiring costly assets and asked for clarity on remedial costs. Staff confirmed a condition assessment is underway. Council has \$3.7 million budgeted in 2030/31 for a community facility but no operating budget.
- Community engagement shows strong support for a permanent hub. The trust has deep roots and currently hosts eight anchor tenants, though four have given notice. A needs assessment is underway, and early feedback highlights inclusion, wellbeing, and green space as priorities. Councillors acknowledged demographic changes and agreed future provision must reflect these needs.
- Next steps include completing the needs analysis in December, developing costed options in January, and reporting to the Waipapa Community Board and Council in February 2026. Councillors requested the report cover a wide range of options, including partial purchase and staged development.

Attachments

A Philipstown Community Hub - Presentation ➡ 

5. Bus Exchange Update

Presented by Bruce Rendall – Head of Facilities and Property and Brendon Cowles – Manager Facilities Operations.

- Staff provided a presentation on safety at the Bux Exchange in response to an Annual Plan resolution requesting this (see **Attachment A** to item 5).
- Current safety measures include security guards, CCTV, police patrols, youth outreach through the Igloo, and homeless support. Councillors noted these arrangements appear effective but asked about youth engagement and alternative spaces for young people.
- User feedback shows 84% satisfaction with safety and condition, supported by low formal incident reports. Occasional issues such as intoxication, shoplifting, and one serious assault were acknowledged. Councillors queried how youth surveys were conducted and whether those who “hang out” were consulted.

- Future challenges include increased activity with the new stadium. A recent high-risk vehicle incident has prompted plans for bollards. Displacement of youth from the interchange to nearby areas was discussed, with councillors stressing the need for a broader approach to youth spaces rather than simply moving them on.
- Planned improvements include linking CCTV to the Art Gallery monitoring hub, exploring AI for anomaly detection, and introducing a “See Something, Say Something” reporting system. Adjustments to the Igloo entrance and enhanced trespass training for guards are also proposed. Councillors supported these steps and asked about lighting, greenery, and filling vacant retail spaces to improve safety and vibrancy.
- Staff have considered options such as extending Igloo hours or increasing guard numbers but did not recommend them, except for special events where additional security could be provided. They confirmed that detailed Youth Council suggestions could be addressed in a follow-up memo.
- Councillors raised concerns about seating removal and requested coordination with transport operators before changes. Questions also covered first aid provision, which staff confirmed is now provided by security personnel.

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A Bus Exchange - Presentation 

The workshop concluded at 12.29 pm.