



---

## Council Workshop

### AGENDA

---

#### Notice of Workshop Te Pānui o te Hui:

A Council Workshop will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday 16 December 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Venue:** Camellia Chambers, Level 2, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

---

#### Membership Ngā Mema

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
	Councillor Nathaniel Herz Jardine
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Jake McLellan
	Councillor Andrei Moore
	Councillor Mark Peters
	Councillor Tim Scandrett

---

**12 December 2025**

**Principal Advisor**

Mary Richardson

Chief Executive

Tel: 941 8999

[mary.richardson@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:mary.richardson@ccc.govt.nz)

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

To find upcoming meetings, watch a recording after the meeting date, or view copies of meeting Agendas and Notes, go to:

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/>



TABLE OF CONTENTS NGĀ IHIRANGI

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha ..... 3

WORKSHOP ITEMS

2. Whoosh Transportation System..... 5

*[Presenter: Chris Allington from Whoosh]*

3. Introducing Resource Management Reforms - Planning and Natural  
Environment Bills..... 7

*[Presenters: Ben Rhodes - Manager Planning, Helaina Gregg - Principal Advisor Policy, Planning]*

4. Items Closed to the Public ..... 9

## **1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha**

Apologies will be recorded at the workshop.



## 2. Whoosh Transportation System

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/2390159

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Chris Allington from Whoosh

### 1. Detail Te Whakamahuki

<b>Purpose and Origin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To provide information with respect to the Whoosh Transportation System.</li><li>Several Councillors have already met with staff from Whoosh and consider a wider briefing would be of value.</li></ul>
<b>Timing</b>	This information session is expected to last for 45 minutes.
<b>Outcome Sought</b>	That the Mayor and Councillors are informed about the Whoosh Transportation System.
<b>ELT Consideration</b>	Whoosh has not presented to ELT, although several members of ELT visited the office/warehouse in Christchurch.
<b>Next Steps</b>	That the Mayor and Councillors receive the presentation.
<b>Key points / Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Whoosh creates point to point transportation for passengers or goods traveling on a light and flexible elevated cable and rail guideway. Vehicles travel across cable sections to span over geographic obstacles without interference to the area below.</li><li>Whoosh have developed a operational prototype system in their building in Hornby, although there are no real-world systems operational now.</li><li>A public pilot project in New Zealand is underway, and they report they have additional interest for projects around the world.</li></ul>
<b>Useful Links</b>	<a href="https://www.whoosh.solutions/">https://www.whoosh.solutions/</a>

### Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this coversheet.

### Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

<b>Author</b>	John Higgins - General Manager Strategy, Planning & Regulatory Services
<b>Approved By</b>	Jane Cameron - Team Leader Transport Mark Stevenson - Head of Planning & Consents



### 3. Introducing Resource Management Reforms - Planning and Natural Environment Bills

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/1784534

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō : Ben Rhodes - Manager Planning  
Helaina Gregg - Principal Advisor Policy, Planning

#### 1. Detail Te Whakamahuk

<b>Purpose and Origin</b>	To provide Elected Members with an overview of the Resource Management replacement legislation introduced on 9 December 2025.
<b>Timing</b>	This information session is expected to last for 45 minutes.
<b>Outcome Sought</b>	The workshop aims to inform Elected Members about the key elements of the Bills, with particular emphasis on the implications for Council's roles and functions.  Staff seek to identify which components are of greatest interest to Elected Members to guide future briefings and the development of submissions.
<b>ELT Consideration</b>	N/A
<b>Next Steps</b>	At the time of writing, the Planning and Natural Environment Bills have yet to be referred to Select Committee. Timeframes for public submissions will be released once the Bills have been referred to Select Committee.  Following this introductory briefing, staff plan to come back to Council for further briefings before making a final submission on the Bills, subject to the confirmed submission timeframes.
<b>Key points / Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government has been progressing significant reform to the Resource Management (RM) system, working towards the replacement of the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991.</li> <li>On 9 December 2025, the Government introduced two new Bills to replace the Resource Management Act. At the time of writing, the Bills have yet to have their first reading. This is expected to occur in the week of 15 December.</li> <li>The replacement legislation proposes two new Acts: the Planning Act and the Natural Environment Act.</li> <li>The key driver of the reform is to simplify the planning system, reduce duplication, and cut unnecessary red tape, creating a more efficient and streamlined framework for managing New Zealand's natural and built environments.</li> </ul>
<b>Useful Links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Planning Bill</a></li> <li><a href="#">Natural Environment Bill</a></li> <li><a href="#">Ministry for the Environment Factsheets</a></li> <li><a href="#">Press release from Minister for RMA Reform</a></li> </ul>

--	--

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this coversheet.

Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

Authors	Helaina Gregg - Principal Advisor Policy Ruohan Zhao - Senior Policy Analyst
Approved By	Ben Rhodes - Manager Planning Mark Stevenson - Head of Planning & Consents



## **4. Items Closed to the Public**

---

The information session/workshop items noted from the next page will not be open to the public under the sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) outlined in the table on the following page. The full wording of the noted LGOIMA sections is found in [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) of the Act.

In the Council's view, these reasons for exclusion are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

The public can ask the Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

ITEM NO.	GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	SECTION	SUBCLAUSE AND REASON UNDER THE ACT	PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATION	POTENTIAL RELEASE REVIEW DATE AND CONDITIONS
5.	ICONIC BUILDINGS	S7(2)(B)(II)	PREJUDICE COMMERCIAL POSITION	COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY REGARDING PROPOSED REBUILD COSTS AND CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED OR IN PLACE WITH THIRD PARTIES.	27 MARCH 2026 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN
6.	DRAFT LETTERS OF EXPECTATIONS - CHRISTCHURCH CITY HOLDINGS LTD, CHRISTCHURCHNZ HOLDINGS LTD AND VENUES ŌTAUTAHU LTD	S7(2)(A), S7(2)(H)	PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF NATURAL PERSONS, COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES	PROTECTING PRIVACY OF INDIVIDUALS AND PROTECTING COUNCIL'S COMMERCIAL POSITION.	31 JANUARY 2026 STAFF REVIEW COVERSHEET FOR PARTIAL OR FULL RELEASE.