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## Workshop - Council NOTES

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**Date:** Tuesday 24 February 2026  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Camellia Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch  
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### Present

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauer
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor David Cartwright
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Pauline Cotter
	Councillor Celeste Donovan – via audio/visual link
	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

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## **1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha**

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Cotter.

Councillor Scandrett joined the Workshop at 10.04am during item 2.

Councillor Henstock joined the Workshop at 10.14am during item 2.

Councillor Cotter joined the Workshop at 10.18 am during item 2.

## **2. Governance Update - Q1 and Q 2 2025/2026 (July - December 2025)**

Councillor Officers Matt Boulton and Sean Rainey joined the table to present item 2, (refer to the presentation included in the agenda) and to answer elected member questions.

### **Key presentation points:**

- The presentation covers the period 1 July to 31 December 2025 and information on governance process performance, statutory compliance activity, and services provided to support Council, Committees and Community Boards.
- This includes meeting management, decision-making processes, public excluded business, voting record implementation, LGOIMA and elected member request handling

### **Key discussion points:**

- Front footing communications from Council to the public on issues of high public concern and interest, for example intensification and PC 14.
- Media queries are managed by the Media Team, complex queries may be treated as LGOIMA.
- Increasing volume of LGOIMA requests. Significant issues can impact requests, for example the wastewater treatment plant. Increases in requests relating to regulatory compliance, and CCTV footage, often transport-related.
- Timing of media receiving information ahead of circulation to elected members, including during localised events. When information is available it is generally released as widely as possible, supports consistent messaging.
- Increases in elected member queries, with some elected members submitting large volumes of questions requiring significant staff time to respond. Interest from elected members in how this can be reduced. The organisation is always looking at communications, including rolling blogs during events, regular updates, briefings.
- Support for the increased number of workshops held in open. Will include the data on open and public excluded workshops in future reporting. Council follows Ombudsman guidance regarding workshops, held in open unless there is good reason under LGOIMA not to.
- Queries regarding LGOIMA requests and reasons for requests, legislative requirements for dealing with them, with considerable requests from some individuals.
- Interest in understanding total costs to the organisation responding to queries, time and resource diverted from core service delivery. Transparency around cost may be of interest to the public.
- The organisation is committed to supporting elected members with timely, accurate information. Capacity constraints during events have an impact.
- Acknowledgement of the value and increase in communications and responses to elected member queries and being able to share information with residents.

Councillor Barber left the Workshop at 10.30am and returned at 10.36am during item 3.

### **3. Canterbury Museum Annual Plan**

Board members and staff from the Canterbury Museum joined the table to present the Canterbury Museum update (refer to attached presentation):

- David Ayers, Chair Canterbury Museum Trust Board
- Tom Thomsson, Deputy Chair Canterbury Museum Trust Board
- Sarah Murray, Tumuaki Tuara | Deputy Director
- Nigel Tecosky, Financial Controller
- Andrea Webley, Fundraising and Development Manager

#### **Key presentation points:**

- 2026/27 Priorities
- 2026/27 Operational levy
- Construction progress and capital request
- Update on the Robert McDougall Art Gallery part of the project.
- Encourage Mayor and Councillors to visit the museum, the new site and the collection in Hornby.

#### **Key discussion points:**

- Collection storage requires museum-grade standards, the long-term cost comparison still favours on-site storage.
- Opportunities for funding support from central government. Recent positive engagement with the Minister for the South Island. Next step is engagement with Treasury.
- Continued implementation of the 2025 governance and programme review and restructure. Improved alignment with council processes, and enhanced stakeholder engagement including with councils.
- Focus on admission charges to offset higher operating costs. No legislative barrier to charging out-of-region and international visitors, decisions on this expected by the end of the year.
- Not expecting significant variations to remaining work. Challenging redevelopment at some aspects where problems have caused additional work and cost. Remaining aspects are expected to be a straightforward building situation.

#### **Attachments**

- A Canterbury Museum Update 

### **4. Three Waters Quarterly Activities Update (October - December 2025)**

This item was removed from this agenda and will be reported to the 4 March Council meeting.

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

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

**Meeting concluded at 1.19pm**