

Council Workshop
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Date: Tuesday 17 March 2026
Time: 9.30 am
Venue: Camellia Chambers, 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 – via audio/visual link
	Councillor Nathaniel Herz Jardine
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Andrei Moore
	Councillor Mark Peters
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5. Items Closed to the Public Ngā Take mō te wāhanga o te hui e rāhui ana ki te hunga tūmatanui

The session began in public excluded to consider the confidential items advertised at the end of the public agenda. The public were admitted to the meeting at 11.52 am.

The open agenda was dealt with in the following order.

2. Raranga te Rawhiti Weaving the East - Update

Paul McMahon, Community Board Chairperson Waitai Community Board and Council Officer Christopher Turner-Bullock joined the table to speak to Item 2.

This item provided an update on Raranga te Rawhiti Weaving the East and responds to the Finance and Performance Committee resolution requesting advice on the scope and financial information of projects within the programme.

Raranga te Rāwhiti was established in response to the independent review of the Council's actions following the Wastewater Treatment Plant fire, with a focus on rebuilding trust and confidence with affected communities.

In 2024, the Council approved a grant of \$130,000 from the 2023/24 Capital Endowment Fund to the Council's Community Support and Partnerships Unit to resource Raranga te Rawhiti. This provided funding for one additional Community Development Advisor to the Waitai Community Governance Team to resource the project. Raranga te Rawhiti is not a project that contains a programme of works and therefore, other than the Capital Endowment Funding, has no budget.

The Social Equity and Wellbeing Network (SEWN) was contracted as an external provider to support development of the strategic plan for Raranga te Rawhiti and to ensure an independent approach to community engagement. The plan was workshopped with the Chief Executive, staff, and the Community Board leadership before being presented to the full Board.

SEWN conducted approximately 50 in-depth community interviews, each lasting two to three hours, to allow for open discussion in a safe environment. The key themes emerging from engagement related to roads and pathways, parks and recreation spaces, and the cost of living. SEWN produced 283 recommendations, consolidated into 246 Council tasks, of which 93 have been completed with a further 60 underway. Progress updates will continue to be provided to the Waitai Community Board through area reports.

Quick wins have included:

- seagull-proof rubbish bins and adjusted collection times to match peak use.
- the installation of clear "no parking" markings to keep accessway behind the Parklands Community Centre and sports club clear.

- The repair and maintenance of damaged roads, such as Sutton Place and Cheam Street, to remove safety hazards from uneven or mounted surfaces.

The workshop also provided staff responses to the December 2025 Finance and Performance Committee resolution and outlined that Raranga te Rawhiti remains an ongoing project with further updates planned.

Councillors at the workshop noted the success of the initiative and that it could provide a model for other Community Boards.

A link to the presentation provided by staff at the workshop can be found at [Agenda of Council Workshop - Tuesday, 17 March 2026](#)

Councillor Barber left the workshop at 12.10pm and returned at 12.15pm during item 3.
Councillor Donovan left the workshop at 12.13 pm during item 3.

3. 2025 Standardised Code of Conduct Update

Council Officer Helen White (General Counsel/Director of Legal Democracy joined the table to speak to Item 3.

This item provided an update on the 2025 Standardised Code of Conduct developed in response to the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill.

The Local Government Commission developed the standardised code as directed by the Minister of Local Government. The Council considered and approved its submission on the draft Code at the meeting of 17 September 2025. The Commission completed the final Code in December 2025 and has submitted it, along with its report, to the Minister for Local Government. Once the Bill is enacted, further steps and implementation will be determined by the Secretary for Local Government.

The workshop outlined the key components of the version submitted to the Minister. These are set out in detail in the attached presentation.

Should the Secretary mandate the Standardised Code, a full explanation will be provided to all elected members.

Attachments

- A Standardised Code of Conduct Presentation 

Councillor Henstock left the workshop at 12.28 pm during item 4 and did not return.
Councillor Donovan returned to the workshop at 12.42 pm during item 4.
Councillor Cotter left the meeting at 12.44 pm and returned at 12.46 pm during item 4.
Councillor Moore left the meeting at 12.44 pm and return at 12.47 pm during item 4.

4. PT Futures and MRT Route Protection project update

Council Officers Stephen Wright (Head of Transportation & Waste), and Ben Rhodes (Manager Planning) joined the table to speak to Item 4.

This item provided an update on delivery of the Greater Christchurch public transport improvement programme, including the PT Futures investment programme and the Mass Rapid Transit route protection project.

The PT Futures and MRT programmes form the foundation of the region's strategy to improve public transport. Partner agencies are progressing detailed investment cases required to secure co-funding through Long Term Plans and the 2027–30 National Land Transport Programme. The initial focus is on improving frequency and reliability on the core public transport routes, as these serve the highest number of passengers. Broader improvements to the remainder of the network will follow and will support the long-term implementation of Mass Rapid Transit.

The MRT project has progressed to the route protection stage. This involves confirming the land requirements for the project and undertaking a designation process to protect the corridor. A project team has been established to lead this work for the 22-kilometre MRT corridor located within the Christchurch city boundary.

Next steps include further discussions with Councillors through the development of the Long Term Plan 2027–37 and a schedule of more detailed sessions on the MRT route protection project.

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Meeting concluded at 12.52 pm.