
Council Workshop NOTES

Date: Tuesday 21 April 2026
Time: 11.01 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 Nathaniel Herz Jardine
	Councillor Yani Johanson - via audio/visual link
	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 from Councillor Harrison-Hunt was received.

Secretarial note: *The following elected members were present at the start of the workshop: Councillor Keown, Councillor Moore, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Councillor Coker and, Councillor Johanson via audio/visual link.*

Councillor Cotter joined the workshop at 11.02 am during item 2.
Mayor Mauger joined the workshop 11.03 am during item 2.
Councillor Barber joined the workshop at 11.04 am during item 2.
Councillor Fields joined the workshop at 11.09 am during item 2.
Councillor McLellan joined the workshop at 11.11 am during item 2.
Deputy Mayor Henstock joined the workshop at 11.12 am during item 2.
Councillor MacDonald joined the workshop 11.31 am during item 2.

2. Erosion and Sediment Control

Council Officers Abby Stowell, Senior Policy Planner; Craig Jorgensen, Team Leader RM Compliance; Mark Stevenson, Head of Planning & Consents; and Joe Harrison, Healthy Water Bodies Specialist joined the meeting to present Item 2 (refer to the presentation included in the agenda) and respond to elected member questions.

Key presentation points:

- Erosion and sediment control can only be enforced by the bylaw and the Building Act, not the Resource Management Act (RMA).
- Monitoring is carried out where conditions are imposed. As resource allows, and in response to public complaints, proactive erosion and sediment control inspections will take place.
- In accordance with the VADE model (Voluntary, Assisted, Directed, Enforced) minor non-compliance consent holders are advised and educated in the first instance. In situations that are repeated or serious, infringement notices will be issued.

Key discussion points:

- A resource consent will have various conditions and sediment control is just part of these conditions.
- Surprise checks are carried out regularly, as resource allows, and penalties imposed can be up to \$600 for individuals and \$1200 for companies.
- The Council has an increased scope over erosion and sediment control, and sites with a lack of sediment control should be notified to the Council, not to Environment Canterbury.

Councillor Moore left the workshop at 11.33 am and returned at 11.35 am during item 3.
Councillor MacDonald left the meeting at 11.44 am during item 3.
Councillor McLellan left the meeting at 11.49 am and returned at 11.57 am during item 3.

3. Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review

Council Officers Tracey Weston, Head of Regulatory Compliance and Steve Tunley, Principal Advisor Compliance and Investigations joined the meeting to present Item 3 (refer to the attached presentation) and respond to elected member questions.

Key presentation points:

- The Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy Review is legislatively due for review every five years. This Council policy is now overdue for review.
- The current policy remains to be largely fit for purpose, with only minor changes recommended, for the purpose of alignment with legislation changes and the strategic direction of Council.
- There is a high legal threshold to determine a building as 'dangerous' or 'insanitary'. The building must be considered to likely cause injury or death to any persons in or on the property. If a building is not lawfully occupied or intended to be occupied, this legal threshold is unlikely to be met.
- A special consultative process would need to be carried out to make amendments to the policy, in accordance with the Building Act.

Key discussion points:

- The proposed amendments are not making substantive changes to the policy.
- If a building has been deemed structurally dangerous, Council can impose a requirement for a building to be fenced. If a building does not meet the threshold to be considered structurally dangerous, the Council does not have any mechanism to impose mandatory fencing.
- Where a building is not intended to be occupied, but has become occupied, the Council must still meet the high legal threshold and owing to the occupation being unintended, is unlikely to meet this threshold.

Attachments

- A Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings 

Councillor Fields left the workshop at 12 pm and returned at 12.03 pm during item 4.

Deputy Mayor Henstock left the workshop at 12 pm and returned at 12.03 pm during item 4.

Councillor McDonald returned to the workshop at 12 pm during item 4.

Councillor McLellan left the workshop at 12.20 pm and returned at 12.22 pm during item 4.

Councillor Scandrett left the workshop at 12.22 pm and returned at 12.23 pm during item 4.

4. Traffic calming on collector and arterial roads

Council Officers Gemma Dioni, Principal Advisor Transport and Stephen Wright, Head of Transport & Waste Management joined the meeting to present Item 4 (refer to the presentation included in the agenda) and respond to elected member questions.

Key presentation points:

- The intention is to establish a consistent, network-wide direction.
- Vertical traffic calming (raised platforms) are effective tools.
- The proposed approach focuses on high-risk intersections, formal pedestrian crossings and activity centres. This is a change from broad application to targeted intervention.

Key discussion points:

- There is importance is carrying out audits of changes to understand impact.
- A speed bump is along the width of the lane, whereas a speed cushion has specifically located breaks along the lane to allow for emergency vehicles and busses to straddle the raised platform and therefore not feel the impact.
- A positive and proactive approach is taken to traffic calming, as opposed to reactive. The intention is to reduce death and serious injury from occurring, rather than responding with changes when it does occur.

The meeting adjourned at 12.24 pm and reconvened at 1.16 pm.

Secretarial note: *The following elected members were present when the workshop reconvened: Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Henstock, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Coker, Councillor Scandrett, Councillor Peters, Councillor Fields, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Barber, Councillor Moore, Councillor Keown, Councillor Cotter, and Councillor Johanson via Audio/Visual link.*

Councillor Herz Jardine joined the meeting at 1.17 pm.

Councillor Donovan joined the meeting at 1.40pm by audio/visual link.

5. Christchurch Kart Club Relocation

Council officers Kelly Hansen, Manager Parks Planning & Asset Management; Sarah Oliver, Team Leader City Planning; Rupert Bool, Head of Parks; and Mitchell Shaw, Principal Advisor – Finance joined the meeting to present Item 5 (refer to the presentation included in the agenda) and respond to elected member questions.

Key presentation points:

- The Council have sought and budgeted for relocation of the Kart Club for over a decade, however no suitable alternative site has been secured.
- Relocation supports urban growth. At present, 21 residential lots are considered to be likely unconsentable, and others obstructed by acoustic barriers, totalling approximately 50 undevelopable sections.
- The Kart Club support relocation assuming new site is funded.

Key discussion points:

- The approximately 50 sections considered to be likely unconsentable is due to noise mitigation rules and acceptable acoustic reports.
- No development contributions relating to this site have been used, and certainty is required to use them. If no relocation occurs, these must be refunded (approx. \$487k, 11,000 HUEs).
- The acoustic fencing is owned by private owners on private land. These are a mitigation tool and are required to be maintained as long as the Kart Club remains in place.

6. Our Play Spaces Network Plan for Ōtautahi Christchurch

Council Officers Megan Carpenter, Team Leader Parks & Recreation and Kelly Hansen, Manager Parks Planning & Asset Management joined the meeting to present Item 6 (refer to the presentation included in the agenda) and respond to elected member questions.

Key presentation points:

- 730 residents completed the full survey, with a further 150 residents providing “fast feedback”, on the draft plan. School workshops took place, engaging directly with children.
- The play hierarchy includes local, community and destination spaces. Local play spaces are small and numerous, located approximately 10 minutes from most residential areas. Community play spaces are larger, fewer and require short-distance travel. Destination play spaces are large, infrequent and require city-wide travel; examples include Margaret Mahy playground and Washington Skatepark.

Key discussion points:

- School workshop engagement revealed children aged between 9 and 10 years old have a decrease in play, not because of a lack of interest but rather an increased want for risky play. Children of this age value independent play close to home, especially nature free-play.
- Multigenerational play options are valued – spaces where children can play with their caregivers.
- Destination play spaces are crucially located on public transport routes.
- Certain areas in Christchurch, including Banks Peninsula, are considered unique and it’s acknowledged the 10 minute journey’ may not apply.

7. 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.

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 2.57 pm.

Meeting concluded at 2.57 pm.