

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Dunedin City Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 20 March 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Venue: Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon,
Dunedin

Sandy Graham
Chief Executive Officer

Council
PUBLIC AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Mayor Jules Radich
Cr Cherry Lucas

Members

Cr Bill Acklin	Cr Sophie Barker
Cr David Benson-Pope	Cr Christine Garey
Cr Kevin Gilbert	Cr Carmen Houlahan
Cr Marie Laufiso	Cr Mandy Mayhem
Cr Jim O'Malley	Cr Lee Vandervis
Cr Steve Walker	Cr Brent Weatherall
Cr Andrew Whiley	

Senior Officer

Sandy Graham, Chief Executive Officer

Governance Support Officer

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The meeting will be live streamed on the Council's YouTube page.

Note: Reports and recommendations contained in this agenda are not to be considered as Council policy until adopted.

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1 OPENING

George Lethbridge will open the meeting with a prayer on behalf of the Muslim community.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

There is no public forum.

3 APOLOGIES

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Note: Any additions must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Members are reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.
2. Elected members are reminded to update their register of interests as soon as practicable, including amending the register at this meeting if necessary.
- 3 Staff are reminded to update their register of interests as soon as practicable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- a) **Notes/Amends** if necessary the Elected Members' Interest Register attached as Attachment A; and
- b) **Confirms/Amends** the proposed management plan for Interests.
- c) **Notes** the proposed management plan for the Executive Leadership Team's Interests.

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Councillor Register of Interest - Current as at 6 March 2024				
Councillors are members of all committees				
Name	Responsibility (i.e. Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Member's Proposed Management Plan
Mayor Jules Radich	Shareholder	Izon Science Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Shareholder	Taurikura Drive Investments Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Shareholder	Golden Block Developments Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Cambridge Terrace Properties Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director/Shareholder	Southern Properties (2007) Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Arrenway Drive Investments Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Golden Centre Holdings Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director/Shareholder	IBMS Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director/Shareholder	Raft Holdings Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director/Shareholder	Otago Business Coaching Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Effectivise Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Athol Street Investments Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director/Shareholder	Allandale Trustee Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Shareholder	Aberdeen St No2 Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Road Safety Action Plan	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	100% Shareholder/Director	Panorama Developments Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Hospital Local Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Council of Social Services (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Tertiary Precinct Planning Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Tertiary Sector Steering Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Local Government New Zealand (Zone 6 Committee) (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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	Member	Connecting Dunedin (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Bill Acklin	Shareholder/Director	Dunedin Brokers Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	APRA - AMCOS	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Entertainer	Various functions	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Strath Taieri Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Casual Employee	Insulmax	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Craigieburn Reserve Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Sophie Barker	Director	Ayrmed Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Shareholder	Various publicly listed companies	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Property Owner	Residential Property Owner - Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Beneficiary	Sans Peur Trust (Larnach Castle)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Mentor	Business Mentors NZ	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Southern Heritage Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Friends Otago Museum	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Peninsula Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Orokonui Ecosanctuary	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Volunteer	Blue Penguins Pukekura	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Committee Member	Otago Anniversary Day Dinner	No conflict Identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chairperson	Dunedin Heritage Fund (Council Appointment)	No conflict Identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Gasworks Museum Trust (Council Appointment)	No conflict Identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Otaru Sister City Society (Council Appointment)	No conflict Identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Hereweka Harbour Cone Trust (Council Appointment)	No conflict Identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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	Member	Te Ao Tūroa Partnership (Council Appointment)	No conflict Identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Connecting Dunedin (Council Appointment)	No conflict Identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr David Benson-Pope	Owner	Residential Property Ownership in Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee and Beneficiary	Blind Investment Trusts	Duty to Trust may conflict with duties of Council Office	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	New Zealand Labour Party	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Heritage Fund (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Public Art Gallery Acquisitions Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Museum Trust Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Christine Garey	Trustee	Garey Family Trust - Property Ownership - Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Women of Ōtepoti	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member (alternate)	Grow Dunedin Partnership (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Museum Trust Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Sophia Charter (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chairperson	Study Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Ashburn Hall Charitable Trust Board	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	St Paul's Cathedral Foundation (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Kevin Gilbert	Member	Theomin Gallery Management Committee (Olveston) (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Gipfel Limited - Bakery	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Schlubert Trust - Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Schlup Family Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	BNI	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Business South	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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	Shareholder	Air New Zealand	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Kevin Gilbert and Esther Gilbert Partnership - Residential Rental Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Biddies Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Advisors	Ronald McDonald House Supper Club Committee	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Fair Trading Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Local Government New Zealand (Zone 6 Committee) (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member (alternate)	Otago Regional Transport Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Keep Dunedin Beautiful (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Settlers Association (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Saddle Hill Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	National Industry Advisors Group Food and Beverage (Workforce Development Council)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Connecting Dunedin (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Carmen Houlahan	Owner	Residential Property - Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Rental Property - North Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Part Owner	Adobe Group Ltd, Wanaka	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Rotary Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Institute of Directors	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Property Investors Association	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Public Art Gallery Society (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Public Art Gallery Acquisitions Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Creative Dunedin Partnership (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	KBCLR Family Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Theatre Trust (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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Cr Marie Laufiso	Property Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Moray Place Community Building Trust - Trust Owner of Property 111 Moray Place	Duty to Trust may conflict with duties of Council Office	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chair	Otago Mental Health Support Trust	Potential grants applicant which would result in pecuniary interest. Duty to Trust may conflict with duties of Council Office	Do not participate in consideration of grants applications. If the meeting is in public excluded, to leave the room.
	Member	Women of Ōtepoti Recognition Initiative	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Family Member	Staff member a relative	Potential conflict depending on level of staff member involvement	Managed by staff at officer level if a perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Secretary	Brockville Improvements and Amenities Society (BIAS)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Corso Ōtepoti Dunedin Trust	Potential grants recipient	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table. If in public excluded leave the room. Seek advice prior to the meeting.
	Member	Dunedin Manufacturing Holdings Inc	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Secretary	BIAS Charitable Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Dunedin Branch Treasurer	P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A Inc	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Refugee Steering Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Social Wellbeing Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	District Licensing Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chairperson	Grants Subcommittee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Cherry Lucas	Trustee	Otago Farmers Market	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago A & P Society	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Henderson Lucas Family Trust - Residential Dunedin Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Museum Trust Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Chinese Garden Advisory Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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	Member	Local Government New Zealand (Zone 6 Committee) (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member (alternate)	Grow Dunedin Partnership (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Mosgiel Taieri Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Te Poāri a Pukekura Partnership (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Mandy Mayhem	Chairperson	Waitati Hall Society Inc	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chairperson	Blueskin News Committee	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Co-ordinator	Waitati Market	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Co-ordinator	Emergency response group, Blueskin area	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	FENZ Local Advisory Committee for Otago	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Waitati Music Festival Committee	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Blueskin Bay Amenities Society	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Blueskin A & P Society	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chairperson	Keep Dunedin Beautiful (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Zone Representative and Board Member	Keep New Zealand Beautiful	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Coastal Community Cycleway Network	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	West Harbour Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Disability Issues Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Property Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Social Wellbeing Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Jim O'Malley	Owner	Biocentrix Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Ocho Newco Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Ayrmed Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Northern AFC	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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	Member	Ice Sports Dunedin Incorporated (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Connecting Dunedin (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Hospital Local Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Regional Transport Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Okia Reserve Management Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Tertiary Precinct Planning Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Waikouaiti Coast Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Lee Vandervis	Director	Lee Vandervis, Antonie Alm-Lequeux and Cook Allan Gibson Trustee Company Ltd - Residential Property Ownership - Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Bunchy Properties Ltd - Residential Property Ownership - Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Vandervision Audio and Lighting - Hire, Sales and Service Business	May contract and provide service to DCC	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table. If the meeting is in public excluded leave the room. Seek advice prior to the meeting.
	Member	District Licensing Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Okia Reserve Management Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Steve Walker	Board Member	Dunedin Wildlife Hospital Trust	Potential grants recipient	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table. If the meeting is in public excluded leave the room. Seek advice prior to the meeting.
	Chairperson	West Harbour Beautification Trust	Potential conflict WHBT work with Parks and Reserves to co-ordinate volunteer activities	Withdrawal from all West Harbour Beautification Trust/ DCC discussions involving this relationship.
	Member	Orokouai Ecosanctuary	Potential grants recipient	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table. If the meeting is in public excluded leave the room. Seek advice prior to the meeting.
	Member	Port Chalmers Golf Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Society of Beer Advocates	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	New Zealand Labour Party	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Port Chalmers Historical Society	Potential grants recipient	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Residential Property - Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Shareholder	Various publicly listed companies	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	NZ Sea Lion Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Edinburgh Sister City Society (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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	Member	Predator Free Dunedin (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Brent Weatherall	Member	Urban Access	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Business George Street, Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Brent Weatherall Jeweller Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Weatherall Trustee Company	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Residential Rental Properties	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Craigieburn Reserve Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Public Art Gallery Society (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Andrew Whiley	Owner/Operator	Whiley Golf Inc and New Zealand Golf Travel Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director/Shareholder 22 May 2017	Estate of Grace Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Japek (Family Trust) - Property Ownership - Dunedin	Duties to Trust may conflict with duties of Council Office.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Golf Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin South Rotary Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Institute of Directors	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	National Party	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Board Chair and Acting Chief Executive	Volunteer South	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	President	New Zealand PGA (Professional Golf Association)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chair	Dunedin Community House Executive Committee	Potential grants recipient	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Property Investors Association	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Hereweka Harbour Cone Trust (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Peninsula Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Shanghai Association (Sister City Society) (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Grow Dunedin Partnership (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	NZ Masters Games Trust Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

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	Member	Puketai Residential Centre Liaison Committee (Council Appointment	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

Executive Leadership Team - Register of Interest - current as at 1 March 2024					
Name	Date of Entry	Responsibility (i.e. Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Member's Proposed Management Plan
Sandy Graham	19/09/2018	Owner	Residential property Dunedin	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	25/07/2019	Trustee	Trustee of the Taieri Airport Facilities Trust	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	02/03/2023	Member	St Clair Golf Club	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
			Family member works as a life guard at Moana Pool	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Leanne Mash	22/02/2024	Owner	Residential property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Robert West		Owner	Residential property Dunedin	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
		Trustee	Caselberg Trust	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Jeanette Wikaira		Trustee	Dunedin North Intermediate School	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
		Member	Otago Institute of Arts and Science	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
		Trustee	Hone Tuwhare Charitable Trust	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Claire Austin	17/09/2021	Owner	Residential property Dunedin	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
		Member	Institute of Directors	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
		Fellow	Australia and New Zealand School of Government	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	26/09/2023	Part owner and Manager	Registered Thoroughbred Racehorse owner	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Nicola Morand	09/05/2022	Owner	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seeks advice in advance of meeting if actual conflict arises.
	09/05/2022	Owner	Residential Property Millers Flat	No conflict identified	Seeks advice in advance of meeting if actual conflict arises.
	09/05/2022	Trustee	Kōkiri Training Centre	No conflict identified	Seeks advice in advance of meeting if actual conflict arises.
	09/05/2022	Minor Shareholder	OCHO	No conflict identified	Seeks advice in advance of meeting if actual conflict arises.
	09/05/2022	Member	Manawhenua Komiti - Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou	No conflict identified	Seeks advice in advance of meeting if actual conflict arises.
	20/09/2023	Trustee	Riki Te Mairiki Taiaroa Trust	No conflict identified	Seeks advice in advance of meeting if actual conflict arises.
	09/05/2022	Partner	Morand Painting & Decorating	No conflict identified	Seeks advice in advance of meeting if actual conflict arises.

Executive Leadership Team - Register of Interest - current as at 1 March 2024					
Name	Date of Entry	Responsibility (i.e. Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Member's Proposed Management Plan
David Ward	28/07/2022	Director	Ward Property Rentals	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	28/07/2022	Member	Water New Zealand	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	28/07/2022	Member	IPWEA (Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia)	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	28/07/2022	Member	The Institution of Civil Engineers	No conflict identified.	Any decisions relating to The Institution of Civil Engineers will be referred to the CEO
Scott MacLean	23/01/2024	Owner	Residential property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	23/01/2024	Trustee	Te Poari a Pukekura Charitable Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	23/01/2024	Spouse is Chair	Dunedin Wildlife Hospital Trust (DWHT)	DCC has funded the DWHT	Take no part in discussions or decision making about the Trust or participate in any transactions between the Trust and DCC.
Carolyn Allan	01/03/2024	Owner	Residential property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	01/03/2024	Owner	Residential rental property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	01/03/2024	Member	Mountain Bike Otago	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

REPORTS

POTENTIAL SALE - AURORA ENERGY LIMITED - STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL AND COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Department: Legal Services and Finance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 Aurora Energy Limited (Aurora) is an electricity distribution business that owns and operates regulated electricity distribution networks in Dunedin, Central Otago (including Wānaka) and Queenstown Lakes.
- 2 Aurora is 100% owned by Dunedin City Holdings Limited (DCHL), and DCHL is 100% owned by Council.
- 3 DCHL recommends a sale of Aurora, with the proceeds being used:
 - a) to repay Aurora's debt (forecast to be \$576 million by mid-2025); and
 - b) to establish a diversified investment fund worth hundreds of millions of dollars (Fund).
- 4 DCHL recommends the sale for many reasons, including:
 - a) to increase income to Council by having a more consistent and sustainable income stream.
 - b) to reduce DCC Group debt by paying down Aurora's debt.
 - c) to avoid the DCC Group's debt increasing to fund Aurora's future capital requirements.
 - d) to reduce risk through having a more diversified portfolio.
- 5 The capital in the Fund would be protected and inflation adjusted, so that the fund is not eroded over time. Council would receive the income from the Fund. The Council would need to plan how to apply revenue received in future long term and annual plans. This could include such things as paying down debt or offsetting rates.
- 6 Interest in purchasing Aurora is expected to be high, which could generate a price premium.
- 7 Consumer rights would continue to be protected by the Commerce Commission and Electricity Authority under any new ownership.
- 8 DCHL cannot sell Aurora without Council's approval as 100% shareholder.
- 9 On 12 March 2024, Council decided:

- a) to consult the public on a potential sale of Aurora;
 - b) to use the special consultative procedure for the consultation; and
 - c) that Council's preferred option for consultation is to sell Aurora and to use the proceeds of any sale to repay Aurora's debt and use the remainder to generate income through a diversified investment fund.
- 10 DCC staff have now prepared a draft:
- a) statement of proposal (consultation document); and
 - b) communication and engagement plan.
- 11 The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to the draft statement of proposal and draft communication and engagement plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** the statement of proposal (consultation document) referred to in this report.
- b) **Approves** the communication and engagement plan referred to in this report.
- c) **Decides** that a further summary document to summarise the statement of proposal is not required under section 83(1)(a)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- d) **Delegates** to Council's Chief Executive Officer the authority:
 - i) To make any amendments to the statement of proposal and/or communication and engagement plan as are requested by Council.
 - ii) To make minor editorial changes to the statement of proposal.
 - iii) To amend the communication and engagement plan if the Council's Chief Executive Officer considers that further or different consultation would assist in the consultation process.

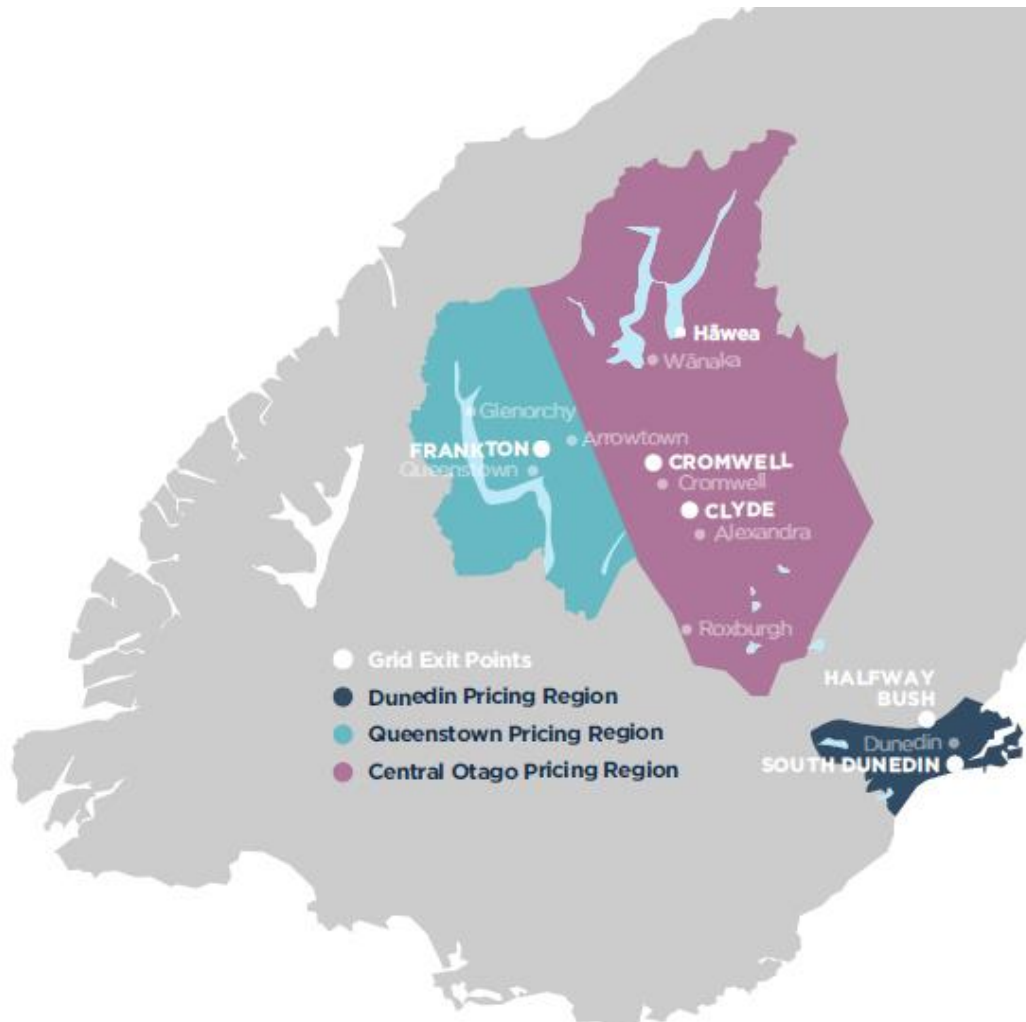
BACKGROUND

Ownership of Aurora

- 12 Aurora is 100% owned by DCHL and DCHL is 100% owned by Council.
- 13 Under the Companies Act 1993 and DCHL's Statement of Intent, DCHL can only sell Aurora if it obtains Council's prior approval. This is because a sale of Aurora would constitute a major transaction for DCHL under the Companies Act 1993, which requires shareholder approval (by a Special Resolution). The sale also requires Council's approval under DCHL's Statement of Intent, which requires DCHL to obtain Council approval before disposing of any shares exceeding \$5 million in value.

About Aurora

- 14 Aurora owns and operates the regulated electricity distribution networks for Dunedin, Central Otago (including Wānaka) and Queenstown Lakes.



- 15 Aurora's electricity network was largely built in the 1950s and 1960s. It now requires significant capital investment to renew aged assets, build resilience in its network, meet population growth in Central Otago and meet greater demand for electricity due to decarbonisation.
- 16 Aurora agreed a Customised Price Quality Path (CPP) with the Commerce Commission in 2021 to enable higher prices to be charged to customers than under the default price quality path (DPP), allowing funding of Aurora's capital programme to improve the network. However, even with that funding, it is expected that significant capital expenditure requirements will consume operating cash flows and require more debt.

Dividends from Aurora

- 17 Aurora has not generated any dividends since 2017.
- 18 Aurora may be able to deliver dividends in the future, but there is high uncertainty around the amount of the dividends due to inherent uncertainties in Aurora's capital reinvestment requirements, regulatory settings and ordinary business risks.

- 19 Any dividends from Aurora over the next 10 years would likely be based on increased capital value and funded by debt, placing pressure on the DCC Group's debt position.

Request by Council

- 20 Council's Letter of Expectation to DCHL in the year ending 30 June 2024 included an expectation *"to provide the DCC with strategic options for consideration (including consideration as to the future composition and direction of the portfolio) that allows the DCC to consider the implications for the DCC as shareholder with a particular focus on dividends/return on investment from DCHL."*

DCHL Recommendation to Sell Aurora, Repay Aurora's Debt, and Invest in Diversified Fund

- 21 DCHL recommends a 100% divestment of Aurora, with the proceeds being used to repay Aurora's debt and to establish a diversified investment fund (nominally called the Fund).
- 22 In DCHL's view:
- a) Council needs different assets if it is to receive higher and more consistent, sustainable cash returns from its investments.
 - b) Aurora is delivering reasonable capital growth but, as an infrastructure business with growing demand, significant capital expenditure requirements are likely to require more debt. Divestment of Aurora would reduce DCC's Group debt by approximately \$576 million, avoid further DCC Group debt and reduce risk to Council's future credit ratings, debt covenants and borrowing costs.
 - c) Should the proposal go ahead, interest in purchasing Aurora is expected to be high and a premium sale price could be expected.
 - d) investing the proceeds in a diversified investment fund, with risk diversified across many different assets, rather than just one, will enable long-run higher cash returns that are more sustainable.
- 23 The capital in the Fund would be protected and inflation adjusted, so that the fund is not eroded over time. Council would receive the income from the Fund. The Council would need to plan how to apply revenue received in future long term and annual plans. This could include such things as paying down debt or offsetting rates.
- 24 Consumer rights would continue to be protected by the Commerce Commission and Electricity Authority under any new ownership.

Council Resolution

- 25 On 12 March 2024, Council resolved:

(Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

a) Decides:

i) To consult with the public on the potential sale of Aurora Energy Limited;

- ii) *To use the special consultative procedure for the consultation; and*
- iii) *Its preferred option for consultation is to divest Aurora Energy Limited and to use the proceeds of any sale to repay Aurora's debt, and use the remainder to generate income through a diversified investment Fund.*

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Bill Acklin, Sophie Barker, David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Kevin Gilbert, Carmen Houlahan, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Lee Vandervis, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (13).

Against: Cr Marie Laufiso (1).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 13 votes to 1

Motion carried (CNL/024/030)

DISCUSSION

Decision to Consult on Potential Sale of Aurora

- 26 The Council has decided to consult on a potential sale of Aurora, using the SCP.
- 27 Council has not yet decided whether it would approve a sale of Aurora because it first wants to hear and consider feedback from the public. The Council has also not yet decided on certain details around the Fund (such as whether it is better to be held by DCC or DCHL). These decisions will be made once the exact size of the Fund is known, and tax advice has been provided. DCC staff anticipate that the specific details around the Fund will form part of the consultation on Council's investment plan, which will be considered as part of the nine year plan 2025-34.

Special Consultative Procedure (SCP)

- 28 Given the importance of this decision, Council has decided to use the SCP. This procedure is set out under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (attached as Attachment A).
- 29 Key aspects of the SCP include:
- a) preparing and adopting a statement of proposal and making it publicly available.
 - b) if Council considers it necessary, preparing a summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal.
 - c) making information on the consultation process and timeframes publicly available.
 - d) consulting for a period of at least one month.

- e) ensuring that Council describes how the local authority will provide persons interested in the proposal with an opportunity to present their views to Council.
- f) making the summary of information or statement of proposal as widely available as is reasonably practicable.
- g) providing a reasonable opportunity for people to present their views to Council, including:
 - i) through spoken language or New Zealand sign language; and
 - ii) in person or by audio or audio-visual link.
- h) ensuring that people are informed about how and when they may take up the opportunity to present their views.

Consultation Document

- 30 DCC staff have prepared a draft consultation document (Attachment B - separately circulated).
- 31 The consultation document seeks to:
- a) Present Council's preferred option; the proposal to sell Aurora and to use the proceeds of any sale to repay Aurora's debt and use the remainder to generate income through a diversified investment fund.
 - b) Present an alternative option which is the status quo.
 - c) provide a fair representation of the key issues, the reasons for the proposal and the implications of the proposal; and
 - d) identify and explain the main issues and choices relating to the proposal.
- 32 If adopted by Council, the consultation document will be Council's statement of proposal under section 83(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 33 Under section 83(1)(a)(ii), Council could elect to prepare a separate summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal. DCC staff consider that a separate summary is unnecessary to enable public understanding of the proposal. This is for a variety of reasons, including:
- a) the consultation document has a mix of levels of information, so that there is an overview as well more detailed information.
 - b) the consultation document has been written in such a way as to facilitate the public's understanding of the proposal (e.g. through the use of tables and diagrams).
 - c) Additional material will be available on the Council website.
- 34 The consultation document records that:
- a) the submission period will be between 28 March 2024 and 12 noon on 2 May 2024.
 - b) Hearings will be held in May 2024.

- c) a decision on whether to approve a sale of Aurora will be made after Council has heard and considered the public's feedback.

Communication and Engagement Plan

- 35 DCC staff have prepared a draft communication and engagement plan, which is attached as Attachment C.
- 36 The communication and engagement plan:
 - a) is designed to make the consultation document (i.e. the statement of proposal) as widely available as is reasonably practicable as a basis for consultation.
 - b) recognises that members of the public likely to be interested in this proposal include Dunedin residents and ratepayers, and Aurora customers in Dunedin, Queenstown Lakes and Central Otago districts.
- 37 The consultation plan therefore includes the following key elements:
 - a) Consultation document:
 - i) 7,000 copies printed as an A4 sized document, using the format illustrated in Attachment D.
 - ii) Available from libraries and council service centres in Dunedin, Queenstown Lakes, and Central Otago districts – subject to agreement with those councils.
 - iii) Distributed to cafes in the greater Dunedin area.
 - iv) Distributed to Councillors and Community Boards.
 - v) Available at drop-in sessions.
 - vi) Distributed to key city partners and stakeholder groups.
 - b) Postcards with QR code:
 - i) 63,000 copies printed.
 - ii) Mailed to Dunedin domestic households
 - iii) Available from libraries and council service centres in Dunedin, Queenstown Lakes, and Central Otago districts.
 - iv) Distributed to cafes in the greater Dunedin area.
 - v) Available at Community board meetings and other drop-in sessions.
 - c) Communication and promotion:
 - i) Media releases.
 - ii) Social media posts.

- iii) Direct communication via e-newsletters to Council databases.
 - iv) DCC webpages with consultation information and frequently asked questions.
 - v) QR code on printed material.
- d) Advertising (print media and online):
 - i) ODT newspaper advertisements.
 - ii) The Star newspaper advertorial.
 - iii) Southland Times newspaper advertisements.
 - iv) Central Otago News advertisements.
 - v) Social media advertisements.
 - vi) ODT banner and placement advertisements (online).
- e) Face-to-face engagement opportunities:
 - i) Drop-in sessions:
 - ii) before Community Board meetings.
 - iii) DCC's Plaza Meeting Room at scheduled times.
 - iv) Farmers Market drop-ins.
- f) Engagement with mana whenua and mātāwaka.
- g) Submission process
 - i) Online form on the DCC website.
 - ii) Hard copy form in the consultation document available at libraries and council service centres in Dunedin, Central Otago, and Queenstown Lakes.
- h) Hearings in May for submitters to present to Council.

OPTIONS

38 Given that the SCP is a statutory process, the two key options are:

- a) to adopt the statement of proposal (consultation document) and approve the communication and engagement plan.
- b) to adopt the statement of proposal (consultation document) and approve the communication and engagement plan, with amendments.

Option One – Recommended Option – Adopt the Statement of Proposal (consultation document) and approve the Communication and Engagement Plan

39 Under this option, Council would:

- a) adopt the statement of proposal (consultation document) referred to in this report.
- b) decide that a further summary document to summarise the statement of proposal is not required under section 83(1)(a)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) approve the communication and engagement plan referred to in this report.
- d) delegate to Council’s Chief Executive Officer the authority:
 - i) to make any amendments to the statement of proposal and/or communication and engagement plan as are requested by Council.
 - ii) to make minor editorial changes to the statement of proposal.
 - iii) to amend the communication and engagement plan if the Council’s Chief Executive Officer considers that further or different consultation would assist in the consultation process.

Advantages

- b) By proceeding to consultation, this will give the public an opportunity to consider the proposal, to make submissions and to be heard.
- c) The statement of proposal (consultation document) and communication and engagement plan comply with the statutory requirements for a SCP.

Disadvantages

- d) None identified.

Option Two – Adopt the Statement of Proposal (consultation document) and approve the Communication and Engagement Plan, with amendments

40 This is the same as Option One, but with any amendments specifically recorded in Council’s resolutions.

NEXT STEPS

41 Once the statement of proposal (consultation document) and communication and engagement plan is adopted, then:

- a) DCC staff will:
 - i) arrange for the consultation document to be printed and distributed as per the communication and engagement plan; and
 - ii) arrange all other steps set out in the communication and engagement plan.

- b) The intention is to run the Aurora consultation process concurrently with the Annual Plan 2024/25 process. However, although concurrent, they will be two separate processes.
- c) Following the close of submissions hearings will be held.
- d) A report will then be prepared summarising submissions and the feedback received from the community for Council to consider when it deliberates in public on whether it wants to approve a sale of Aurora, or not.
- e) If Council decides to approve a sale of Aurora, then at that time, Council would set a minimum price in non-public. The sale could not proceed unless the minimum price is achieved.

Signatories

Author:	Karilyn Canton - Chief In-House Legal Counsel Carolyn Allan - Chief Financial Officer
Authoriser:	Sandy Graham - Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

	Title	Page
A	Section 83, Local Government Act 2002	29
B	Consultation Document 2024/25 (<i>Under Separate Cover 1</i>)	
C	Aurora Energy Proposal Communications and Engagement Plan	32
D	Non-Text Format Illustration of Consultation Document	32

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision promotes the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. This decision also enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities as the proposal is subject to consultation through the special consultative procedure.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and Culture Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spatial Plan	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Transport Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A sale of Aurora would generate sufficient funds to allow for the repayment of Aurora's debt and a substantial diversified investment portfolio. The principal in the diversified investment fund would be protected (like with the Waipori Fund), with the income applied to things such as repayment of debt or reducing rates for example.

Māori Impact Statement

The communication and engagement plan identifies that there will be engagement with mana whenua and mātāwaka regarding the proposal.

Sustainability

Given the regulated nature of lines companies, sustainability issues are likely to be the same or similar whether Aurora is retained or sold.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

The next Long Term Plan (the 9 Year Plan 2025-34) will be updated to reflect any decisions made by Council in regard to Aurora.

The Aurora consultation will be run alongside but separate from the Annual Plan 2024/25 process.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Financial considerations

Both Aurora and Council are capital intensive.

If Council approves a sale of Aurora, then this would have a significant impact on DCC's finances and the DCC Group's finances. It would allow for the repayment of Aurora's debt (forecast to be \$576 million as at mid next year) and for the creation of a diversified investment fund worth hundreds of millions of dollars. The capital in the fund would be protected and inflation adjusted to ensure that it is an intergenerational asset, and its value is not eroded over time. The income from the fund would need to be planned for, for example to reduce debt or offset rates.

If Council does not approve a sale of Aurora, then the value in Aurora would increase over time. However, Council would need to continue to borrow to invest in Aurora's electricity network and a regular income to Council is uncertain. Income from an Aurora dividend would likely be a result of balance sheet borrowing based on the increased capital value of Aurora (i.e. it would likely be debt funded).

The cost of the consultation will be met within existing Council budgets.

Significance

Decisions regarding a potential sale of Aurora are considered high in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Given the high significance, a special consultative procedure is being used for consultation on the proposal to sell Aurora, and to use the proceeds to repay Aurora's debt and create a diversified investment fund worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Engagement – external

Both DCHL and DCC engaged a range of external advisors as part of the process of considering the proposal to consult on the sale of Aurora.

Engagement - internal

There has been internal engagement with the Executive Leadership Team, Finance Team, Legal Services Team, Civic Team and the Business and Community Engagement Team.

Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.

None identified. Council is carrying out a special consultative procedure in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Conflict of Interest

There are no known conflicts of interest. The directors of DCHL have confirmed that they do not act for and will not act for any parties in connection with any future transaction, if there is one, involving the DCC Group of companies.

Community Boards

Community Boards will be given copies of the statement of proposal (consultation document) and postcards with a QR code on them. There will be face-to-face drop-in sessions before Community Board meetings.



New Zealand Legislation

Local Government Act 2002

If you need more information about this Act, please contact the administering agency: **Department of Internal Affairs**

- Warning: Some amendments have not yet been incorporated

83 Special consultative procedure

- (1) Where this Act or any other enactment requires a local authority to use or adopt the special consultative procedure, that local authority must—
 - (a) prepare and adopt—
 - (i) a statement of proposal; and
 - (ii) if the local authority considers on reasonable grounds that it is necessary to enable public understanding of the proposal, a summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal (which summary must comply with [section 83AA](#)); and
 - (b) ensure that the following is publicly available:
 - (i) the statement of proposal; and
 - (ii) a description of how the local authority will provide persons interested in the proposal with an opportunity to present their views to the local authority in accordance with [section 82\(1\)\(d\)](#); and
 - (iii) a statement of the period within which views on the proposal may be provided to the local authority (the period being not less than 1 month from the date the statement is issued); and
 - (c) make the summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal prepared in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) (or the statement of proposal, if a summary is not prepared) as widely available as is reasonably practicable as a basis for consultation; and
 - (d) provide an opportunity for persons to present their views to the local authority in a manner that enables spoken (or New Zealand sign language) interaction between the person and the local authority, or any representatives to whom an appropriate delegation has been made in accordance with Schedule 7; and
 - (e) ensure that any person who wishes to present his or her views to the local authority or its representatives as described in paragraph (d)—
 - (i) is given a reasonable opportunity to do so; and
 - (ii) is informed about how and when he or she may take up that opportunity.
- (2) For the purpose of, but without limiting, subsection (1)(d), a local authority may allow any person to present his or her views to the local authority by way of audio link or audiovisual link.
- (3) This section does not prevent a local authority from requesting or considering, before making a decision, comment or advice from an officer of the local authority or any other person in respect of the proposal or any views on the proposal, or both.

Section 83: replaced, on 8 August 2014, by [section 25](#) of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 55).

Aurora Energy Proposal Communication and Engagement Plan

<p>Purpose</p> <p>To inform Dunedin residents, ratepayers and Aurora Energy customers, on the proposal to sell Aurora Energy, pay off Aurora Energy debt and reinvest the remaining hundreds of millions of dollars in a diversified investment fund. To then encourage residents, ratepayers and customers to express their views to Council to inform decision making.</p>
<p>Engagement Period</p> <p>Thursday 28 March – Thursday 2 May 2024 (12 noon)</p> <p>Hearings: 14 – 16 May 2024 – subject to change based on volume of submissions received</p>
<p>Audience</p> <p>Dunedin residents and ratepayers, and Aurora Energy customers in Dunedin, Queenstown Lakes and Central Otago districts.</p>
<p>Engagement Approach</p> <p>Mixed method approach utilising online digital content, print based practices and opportunities for in person engagement.</p>
<p>Communication and Engagement Plan</p> <p>The communication and engagement plan builds on what has previously proved successful and reaches different parts of the community. The key elements during the consultation period will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 7,000 copies printed ○ Available from libraries and Council service centres in Dunedin, Queenstown Lakes, and Central Otago districts – subject to agreement with those Councils ○ Distributed to cafes in the greater Dunedin area ○ Distributed to Councillors and Community Boards ○ Available at drop-in sessions ○ Distributed to key city partners and stakeholder groups • Postcards with QR code: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 63,000 copies printed ○ Mailed to Dunedin domestic households ○ Available from libraries and Council service centres in Dunedin, Queenstown Lakes, and Central Otago districts ○ Distributed to cafes in the greater Dunedin area ○ Available at Community board meetings and other drop-in sessions • Communication and promotion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Media releases

- Social media posts
- Direct communication via e-newsletters to Council databases
- DCC webpages with consultation information and frequently asked questions
- QR code on printed material
- Advertising (print media and online):
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ANNUAL PLAN 2024/25 COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 Following the granting of Royal Assent of the Water Services Acts Repeal Act 2024 (the Repeal Act) on 16 February 2024, Council resolved to defer the 10 year plan 2024–2034 by one year, and instead prepare an Annual Plan for 2024/25 (the draft Plan). The draft Plan is an update to year four of the 10 year plan 2021-31.
- 2 As a consequence of deferring the 10 year plan by one year, Council is required under the Repeal Act, to engage with the community in accordance with Section 82 of the Local government Act 2002.
- 3 During the engagement period Council will also be consulting with the community on the proposal to sell Aurora Energy, settle the Aurora Energy debt and reinvest the remaining funds. Details of the consultation on the Aurora Energy proposal are covered in a separate report.
- 4 This report recommends a community engagement approach for the draft Plan which utilises both online digital content and print-based engagement practices, as well as in person opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the attached Annual Plan 2024/25 Communication and Engagement Plan (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

- 5 Following the passing of the Waters Services Acts Repeal Act 2024, Council resolved to take up the option to defer the 10 year plan for 12 months and instead prepare an Annual Plan for 2024/25.
- 6 The Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) sets out provisions for preparing and consulting on the Annual Plan for 2024/25. Clause 53 of Schedule 1AA of the Act requires consultation on the Annual Plan where a Council defers adopting the long-term plan. The Council must consult in a manner that gives effect to the requirements of section 82 of the Act before adopting the annual plan for the 2024/25 financial year.
- 7 Section 82 of the Act sets out the principles of consultation, including allowing local authorities to consult in a manner that it considers, in its discretion, to be appropriate. The special consultative procedure is not required to be used for an annual plan.

- 8 It is recommended that Council follows a mixed method engagement approach, as used for the previous annual and long-term plans. The mixed method approach to engagement utilises both online digital content and print based engagement practices.

DISCUSSION

- 9 Council wishes to understand community sentiment in relation to the draft 2024/25 Annual Plan (the draft Plan). The draft Plan is an update of year four of the 10 year plan 2021-31 and proposes no significant changes to the 10 year plan 2021-31.
- 10 Engagement provides an opportunity to inform the community on what Council is proposing in its draft Plan, and to seek feedback on community opinions and aspirations. This is an opportunity to update the community about what is planned, the costs, the funding mechanisms (rates, debt, fees, etc) and the progress of projects currently underway, while also setting the scene for the 9 year plan 2025-34.
- 11 The attached Annual Plan 2024-25 communication and engagement plan outlines the engagement approach which meets the requirements of section 82 of the Act, and will enable Council to reach a wide cross section of our community, encouraging them to express their views.

Engagement approach

- 12 Staff are proposing a mixed method approach, which has proven successful in recent Long Term and Annual Plan consultations, and which has reached a wider and more diverse section of our community.
- 13 A mixed method engagement approach requires different engagement tools for different engagement purposes and for different community stakeholders.
- 14 In planning the engagement approach, staff took into consideration our partnership with mana whenua, as well as community diversity and approaches to reach underrepresented stakeholder groups.
- 15 Staff also considered accessibility of both print media and online social media platforms.

Engagement activities

- 16 The communication and engagement plan builds on what has previously proved successful and reaches different parts of the community. The key elements during the consultation period are outlined in the attached communication and engagement plan and include:
- a) Digital content on the DCC Website
 - b) Content in DCC e-newsletters and FYI
 - c) Social media presence
 - d) Media releases
 - e) Advertising in print media and online
 - f) In-person engagement opportunities

- g) Material provided to Community Boards for distribution

Themes and key messages

- 17 Key messages will provide context and update the community on planned delivery, projects, and finances, noting there are no engagement topics requiring specific feedback. The engagement material will encourage people to express their views to Council, in relation to the Annual Plan 2024/25.
- 18 The consultation material will convey an acknowledgement of change and uncertainty as well as the underlying sentiment of responsible investment, listening to community, and delivering Council's activities and services.

Capturing community feedback

- 19 The consultation period is from 28 March until 12 noon on 24 April 2024.
- 20 The plan will encourage online submissions via an online form. There will be QR codes and links in all promotional material that directs people to this form. There will also be the option to provide feedback through printed/hard copy submission forms. Written submissions received via post or email will also be accepted.
- 21 Comments on social media will not be treated as formal submissions, although sentiment will be tracked by staff and a general summary will be included in a report for Council consideration.
- 22 Hearings will be held for people to speak directly to Council. These are scheduled for the week commencing 6 May 2024.
- 23 Submission feedback will be collated, analysed, and reported to Council for consideration at the deliberations meeting scheduled for the week starting 27 May 2024.

OPTIONS

- 24 There are no options.

NEXT STEPS

- 25 If the communication and engagement plan is approved by Council, staff will produce Annual Plan engagement material and deliver the elements included in the attached plan.

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Attachments

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and Culture Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spatial Plan	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Transport Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Annual Plan contributes to all of the objectives and priorities of the strategic framework and provides a focus for decision making and coordination of the Council's resources, as well as a basis for community accountability.

Māori Impact Statement

The adoption of Te Taki Haruru – Māori Strategic Framework signals Council's commitment to mana whenua and to its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. Engagement with mana whenua and mātaŵaka is included in the Annual Plan 2024/25 communication and engagement plan.

Sustainability

Engagement in the context of the Annual Plan will provide an opportunity for the community to express their views of the DCC's work towards sustainability.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy / Infrastructure Strategy

Engagement in the context of developing the Annual Plan is an opportunity for the community to express their views.

Financial considerations

Engagement costs will be met from within existing budgets.

Significance

Consultation and engagement will be delivered in alignment with the principles outlined in the Significance and Engagement policy.

Engagement – external

This report discusses an approach for external engagement on the Annual Plan.

Engagement - internal

Engagement planning has been prepared with input from staff including community engagement practitioners, across DCC.

Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.

There are no identified risks with the recommended approach.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Conflict of Interest

There are no known conflicts of interest.

Community Boards

Online resources and engagement material will be available for use by Community Boards.

Annual Plan 2024/25 Communication and Engagement Plan

Purpose To inform with Dunedin residents and ratepayers about the context and content of the draft Annual Plan 2024/25 and encourage them to express their views to Council in order to inform decision making.
Legislative Requirements Following the passing of the Waters Services Acts Repeal Act 2024, Council decided to take up the option to defer the 10 year plan for 12 months and instead prepare an “enhanced” Annual Plan for 2024/25. The Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) sets out provisions for preparing and consulting on the “enhanced” Annual Plan for 2024/25. Schedule 1AA, Clause 53 of the Act, specifies that Council must consult in a manner that gives effect to the requirements of Section 82. Section 82 of the Act sets out the principles of consultation which include providing people who are affected with reasonable and appropriate access to relevant information and encouraging people to present their views. Council must ensure there are processes for consulting with Māori. This section allows local authorities to consult in a manner that it considers to be appropriate. A special consultative procedure is not required to be used for the Annual Plan 2024/25.
Engagement Period Thursday 28 March – Wednesday 24 April 2024 (12 noon) Hearings: 8 – 9 May 2024 – dates to be confirmed
Audience All Dunedin residents and ratepayers
Engagement Approach Mixed method approach utilising online digital content, print based practices and opportunities for in person engagement. This approach includes paid advertising, social media, and web content.
Focus and Content Updating the community on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative context particularly the change to an Annual Plan from the expected 10 year plan and the reform of three waters Planned increase in rates, including increased kerbside collection service Projects and progress of planned activities and services Encouraging the community to express their views to Council
Engagement Plan The consultation plan builds on what has previously proved successful and reaches different parts of the community. The key elements during the consultation period will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication and promotion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media releases Social media posts Direct communication via e-newsletters to Council databases DCC webpages with consultation information and links QR code printed handouts Advertising (print media and online): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Star newspaper weekly double spread advertorial ODT weekly ads (print) Social media ads ODT banner and placement ads (online)

- Face-to-face engagement opportunities:
 - Drop-in sessions to be scheduled – Plaza Meeting Room
 - Councillor presence at the Saturday Dunedin Farmers Market over several weekends
- Engagement with mana whenua and mātāwaka
- Engagement with traditionally underrepresented groups, such as youth, Pasifika, and migrant communities
- Submission process:
 - Online form on the DCC website
 - Hard copy form available from DCC libraries and service centres
- Hearings available in May for submitters to present to Council