



WORKSHOP MINUTES

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

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Waikato Regional Council

OPEN WORKSHOP MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 2 June 2026, 9.30am
Location: Council Chambers
 Waikato Regional Council
 Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Robert Cookson (until 3.32pm)
 Cr Micheal Downard (virtually via Teams until 3.34pm)
 Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith (from 9.40am)
 Cr Keith Holmes
 Cr Chris Hughes
 Cr Tipa Mahuta (virtually via Teams until 3.34pm, back at 3.54pm until 4.13pm)
 Cr Gary McGuire
 Cr Warren Maher
 Cr Jennifer Nickel (in person until 12.15pm, virtually via Teams from 1.01pm until 4.12pm)
 Cr Garry Reymer (until 3.34pm)
 Cr Liz Stolwyk (until 1.56pm)
 Cr Angela Strange (in person until 12.15pm, virtually via Teams from 1.01pm until 3.34pm, back at 3.53pm until 4.30pm)
 Cr Noel Smith (until 3.34pm)

Staff Present: Chris McLay – Chief Executive
 Phil King – Director Regional Transport Connections
 Tracey May – Director, Science, Policy and Information
 Greg Ryan – Director, Integrated Catchment Management
 Brent Sinclair – Director, Resource Use
 Lorraine Cheyne – Manager Transport Strategy Delivery
 Mike Scarsbrook – Manager, Environmental Science
 Jordan Metz – Democracy Advisor
 Brooke Roebeck – Democracy Advisor
 Dave Daggart – Team Lead, Democracy

The contents of these workshop minutes meet all legal requirements. Workshops are not official meetings and do not contain any decisions. They are for discussion purposes only.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the workshop is available on Waikato Regional Council's public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Open Recording 1	Doc # 36193674	https://youtu.be/BysFPJ0IFWY
Open Recording 2	Doc # 36197161	https://youtu.be/k_ThMOWwC4A
Open Recording 3	Doc # 36193767	https://youtu.be/APaqPJ5NZMw
Public Excluded Recording	Doc # 36192217	–
<i>Due to technical difficulties, the first nine minutes of the workshop were not recorded.</i>		

Cr Angela Strange assumed the Chair.

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The Democracy Advisor (Jordan Metz) opened the workshop with a Karakia.

2 WORKSHOP PAPER(S)

2.1 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARE POLICY REVIEW

Presented by the Public Transport Planner and Director, Better Bus Planning (Andy Carnell). Refer Document # 36162544 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

Item commenced in open recording 1, at start, noting the first nine minutes of the workshop were omitted.

12.15pm – The workshop adjourned.

During the adjournment, Cr Jennifer Nickel and Cr Angela Strange left the workshop and continued attending virtually via Teams.

1.01pm – The workshop reconvened. Cr Warren Maher assumed the Chair.

2.2 WAIKARE-WHANGAMARINO ACTION PLAN: GOVERNANCE OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

Item commenced in open recording 2, at start.

The Chair (Cr Warren Maher) introduced the item and welcomed the following presenters:

- a. Neil Bateup. Refer Document # 36154986 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.
- b. Malcolm Lumsden. Refer Document # 36152961 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.
- c. Mike Peters. Refer Document # 36151875 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

1.56pm – Cr Liz Stolwyk left the workshop.

2.11pm – The workshop adjourned.

2.16pm – The workshop reconvened.

Item continued in open recording 3, at start

The Director, Science, Policy and Information (Tracey May) introduced the Manager, Environmental Science (Mike Scarsbrook). Refer Document # 36165063 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

3.32pm – Cr Robert Cookson left the workshop.

3.34pm – The workshop adjourned.

During the adjournment Cr Mich'eal Downard, Cr Tipa Mahuta, Cr Garry Reymer and Cr Angela Strange left the workshop, and Cr Cookson entered the workshop.

3.45pm – The workshop reconvened in public excluded (as per below)

3 PUBLIC EXCLUDED WORKSHOP ITEMS

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

1. That in accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* (Act) and the interests protected by section 6 or 7 of that Act, the public is excluded from the following parts of this workshop. The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds for excluding the public are set out below:

Meeting item no. and subject	Grounds for excluding the public	Reason for excluding the public
3.1 - Chief Executive KPIS FY2026/27	s7(2)(a) of the Act - To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(i) of the Act - To enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	section 48(1)(a)(i) of the Act - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

2. That the Independent Consultant, QLG Advisory (Paul Loof) remains in this workshop after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of the items to be discussed. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because of its specialised nature and the benefit to be gained from expert advice.

3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE KPIS FY2026/27

Item commenced in public excluded recording, at start.

Presented by the Chief Executive (Chris McLay) and Independent Consultant, QLG Advisory (Paul Loof).

3.53pm – Cr Angela Strange entered the workshop.

3.54pm – Cr Tipa Mahuta entered the workshop.

4.12pm – Cr Jennifer Nickel left the workshop.

4.30pm – Cr Angela Strange left the workshop.

3 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in public excluded recording, at 53 minutes 48 seconds.

The Team Lead, Democracy (Dave Doggart) closed the workshop with a Karakia.

4.42pm – The workshop concluded.