Record of

Council Workshop
Thursday, 19 November 2026

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Workshop record

Workshop held at the Tauranga City Council Chambers, L1, 90 Devonport Road, Tauranga on Thursday, 19 November 2026 at 10:00 am – Long Term Plan

Presenters:	Staff as listed in each item.
Members:	Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hēmi Rolleston
TCC Staff Attendees:	Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Reneke van Soest (General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Community Services), Gareth Green (Interim Chief Executive), Charlie Rahiri (Recovery Manager) (online), Sachiko Williams (Team Leader: Community Funding Services), Richard Butler (Funding Specialist), Paula Naude (Head of Community Outcomes & Emergency Management), Emily McLean(Recovery Business & Community Manager), Alison Law (Head of City Operations), Hope Lawson (Team Leader: Waste Operations & Compliance), Kim Renshaw, (Team Leader: Waste Minimisation & Engagement), Andrew Mead (Head of City Planning & Growth), Carl Lucca (Team Leader: Structure Planning), Ben Corbett (Team Leader: Growth Funding), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor).

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1.1 Community Grants and Funding Stocktake Review

Staff Sachiko Williams, Team Leader: Community Funding Services
Richard Butler, Funding Specialist
Paula Naude, Head of Community Outcomes & Emergency Management

Topics
- Strategic Purpose of Funding
- Value for Money
- Glossary
- TCC Funding to external Organisations.
- Match Fund

Follow Ups
- Staff to provide councillors with the principles and policy settings for each funding bucket, including where funding was directed and what levers Council had.
- Develop a clearer consolidated view of outcomes and collective impact, using comparable measures where possible.
- Add total funding figures to the stocktake spreadsheet. Councillors estimated total funding at

approximately $15–16 million.
- Continue work towards standardised application and reporting processes across community and economic development partnership agreements, including Smarty Grants.
- Improve visibility of the value and benefits of community leases, including annual reporting from leaseholders on facility users and hours of community use.
- Explore ways to reduce funding silos and improve oversight, including looking at how other councils structure funding, reviewing funding principles/policies, and improving alignment across funders.

Action Requested:
- That staff provide further information on funding principles, total funding, outcomes and community lease benefits, and explore opportunities to streamline and better align Council's grants and funding arrangements.

1.2 Tsunami Evacuation Pathways Programme

Staff Kate Akers, Advisor: Community Engagement and Resilience
Ashok Harridaw, Senior Transport Engineer
Karen Hay, Manager: Transport Strategy & Assurance
Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory and Community Services

Tsunami Evacuation Pathways Capex Workshop - Topics
- Background – how we got here
- GNS Science – Evacuation Modelling
- Capital Expenditure
- Operational Expenditure
- Project Package 1 – Domain Road
- Project Package 2 – Bruce Road Cornfields
- Project Package 3 – TEL Shared Path
- Project Package 4 – Parton Road Footpath Improvements
- Project Package 5 – Tara Road Shared Path
- Project Package 6 – Swale Bridges and Reserve Paths
- Operational Projects
- Funding position - $37M programme
- Funding Options – Minor Improvements ($1.805M)
- Way forward

Direction:
- That staff include tsunami evacuation pathway options in the LTP consultation, clearly setting out the risks, benefits and funding implications, including testing community support for a targeted rate to bring investment forward.

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1.3 City Centre Development Incentive Fund - future post 2026/27

Staff Emily McLean, Recovery Business & Community Manager
Reneke van Soest, General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure

Topics
- Workshop purpose
- Agenda
- Why the CCDIF was established
- Key lessons from CCDIF – Achievements
- Key lessons from CCDIF – Challenges
- What has changed since the CCDIF was established
- CCDIF Related Initiatives
- Where to from here with a CCDIF?
- Urban Centres beyond funding
- Potential roles Council could take in supporting urban centres
- Options for Council's role and how it could be delivered
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Direction
- The current City Centre Development Incentive Fund was not supported for continuation beyond 2026/27. Staff were directed to bring any future project- or disruption-related support proposals back to Council for consideration on their merits, including opportunities to coordinate support through Main Street organisations and across Council teams.

1.4 Capital Programme for Closed Landfills

Staff Alison Law, Head of City Operations
Hope Lawson, Team Leader: Waste Operations & Compliance
Kim Renshaw, Team Leader: Waste Minimisation & Engagement
Reneke van Soest, General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure

Topics
- Council's closed landfill responsibilities
- How Council manages closed landfill risks
- Te Maunga: How we got here and the two workstreams
- Te Maunga: Capping and savings
- Te Maunga: Funding and Delivery
- Cambridge Park: Context and history
- Cambridge Park: Funding and consenting
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At 1.30pm, Cr Hautapu Baker withdrew from the workshop.

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Direction

- Staff were directed to continue progressing the closed landfill programme, including seeking an extension of the Te Maunga abatement notice deadline and reporting back before LTP approval, completing the BPO assessment with mana whenua, and progressing first-year safety, investigation and monitoring work at Cambridge Park while developing the longer-term solution.

Action requested

- That staff look into Landfill mining and waste-to-energy options with relevant companies.

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1.5 City Centre Incentives – Development Contributions

Staff Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning & Growth
Carl Lucca, Team Leader: Structure Planning
Ben Corbett, Team Leader: Growth Funding

DCs and City Centre Development Incentives November 2026

- Benefits of City Centre Living
- Potential Incentives and mechanisms
- Disincentives
- Engagement with SG Housing System Working Group
- Next steps and feedback sought

At 1.50pm, Cr Steve Morris withdrew from the workshop.

At 1.55pm, Cr Hautapu Baker re-entered the workshop.

City Centre – Development Contributions

- Background
- DCs – City Centre Incentivisation
- DCs / City Centre
- City Centre DCs

At 2.30PM, Cr Hautapu Baker withdrew from the workshop.

- Options – Non North Te Papa Specific
- Options – North Te Papa Specific
- Local and city wide DC Deferral Options
- Summary and next steps

Direction

- Staff were directed to further investigate a GFA-based approach to residential development contributions, the student accommodation scaling factor and the Cameron Road Stage 2 allocation/benefit nexus, and report back through the LTP or Development Contributions Policy process with an evidence-based justification for any proposed changes

Cr Hēmi Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The workshop closed at 3.06pm.

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