



# **Record of Council Workshop Annual Plan**

**Thursday, 12 February 2026**

# Workshop record

**Workshop held at the Tauranga City Council Chambers, L1, 90 Devonport Road, Tauranga on Thursday, 12 February 2026 at 10:00 am**

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<b>Presenters:</b>	Christine Jones, Craig Rice, Tracey Hughes, Susan Braid.
<b>Members:</b>	Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scouler (online), Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor
<b>TCC Staff Attendees:</b>	Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Community Services), Reneke van Soest (General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure), Craig Rice (Chief Operating & Financial Officer), Jeremy Boase (Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience), Tracey Hughes (Manager: Organisational Financial Performance and Corporate Planning), Susan Braid (Finance Lead Capital Performance and Community Investment), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor).
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cr Steve Morris

A recording of the workshop held on 12 February 2026 can be found on [Council's You Tube Channel](#).

## 1 BUSINESS

### 1.1 Council Workshop - Annual Plan

**Staff**      Christine Jones: General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance  
                  Craig Rice: Chief Operating & Financial Officer  
                  Tracey Hughes: Manager: Organisational Financial Performance and Corporate Planning

#### Topics Covered

1. Operating Costs and Savings Targets Overview:
  - Cost Savings Breakdown
  - Depreciation and Forecasting
  - Savings Target and Approach
2. Library Staffing and Space Planning:
  - Planned staffing levels
  - Staffing Justification
  - Business case timing and accuracy
  - Information delivery preferences

3. Water Charges and Glide Path Options:

- Current proposed increases
- Glide path scenario
- Customer impact and communication
- Financial implications

Next steps: It was agreed to further develop the glide path option and bring it back for a decision at a future meeting.

4. Capital Programme and Project Prioritisation:

- Carry forwards and deferrals
- Project prioritisation framework
- Decision making process
- Specific project clarifications

5. Bulk Funds and Minor Capital Allocations:

- Bulk fund overview
- Transport and art funds
- Playground and reserve projects

**Actions Requested:**

That staff:

- Provide more detailed comparative data on expected costs, including Long Term Plan forecasts, to give context on how current operating expenses and annual plans compared to previous years.
- **Library Staffing and Cost Paper:**  
Provide a briefing paper detailing the planned new FTE roles for the Central Library, including budgeted costs and the purpose of those roles, and circulate it to elected members as soon as possible for information prior to the Council meeting decision.
- **Capital Programme Prioritisation Workshop:**  
Schedule and conduct a dedicated session for elected members to review and discuss the capital programme prioritisation matrix, including criteria, weightings, and specific projects, to ensure alignment with political priorities before final decisions are made.
- **Mount College Pool Project Status:**  
Update the capital programme to reflect the commitment to proceed with the Mount College pool project as planned, ensuring its status is accurately represented in the next draft.
- **Bus Shelters in Tauriko West:**  
Follow up on the status and rationale for the removal or deferral of funding for 13 bus shelters in Tauriko West, clarifying whether the decision was due to development delays or other factors, and report back to elected members.
- **Bulk Funds Deep Dive:**  
Prepare and bring back a report on the stormwater bulk fund and transport minor safety works bulk fund, including project prioritisation, backlog implications, and any other bulk funds elected members wished to review in detail.

## 2 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

At 11.18 am the workshop moved into public excluded

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
<b>Confidential Attachment 1 - 1.1 - Council Workshop - Annual Plan</b>	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a) 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
<b>Confidential Attachment 2 - 1.1 - Council Workshop - Annual Plan</b>	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a) 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

At 11.53 am the workshop resumed in open.

The workshop closed at 11.53am