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**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otago Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 26 February 2025, commencing at 11:15 am.**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/DkzvIMDUtal?si=zT-kdxcP8kv10td->

**PRESENT**

Cr Gretchen Robertson                      *(Chair)*

Cr Alexa Forbes

Cr Gary Kelliher

Cr Michael Laws

Cr Kevin Malcolm

Cr Lloyd McCall

Cr Tim Mephram

Cr Andrew Noone

Cr Alan Somerville

Cr Elliot Weir

Cr Kate Wilson

## **1. WELCOME**

Chair Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 11:15AM. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport), Nick Donnelly (GM Finance), Tom Dyer (GM Manager Science and Resilience), Joanna Gilroy (GM Environmental Delivery), Tami Sargeant (GM People and Corporate), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh and Cara Jordan (Governance Support Officers) also present and welcomed by the Chair was Mayor Glyn Lewers of QLDC and Dylan Rushbrook from CODC, online.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

The apologies for Cr Michael Laws were noted.

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

No requests to address the Committee under Public Forum were received.

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

## **6. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **6.1. Regional Deal Package**

[12:55 YouTube] This paper was brought to consider the regional deals package jointly prepared by Queenstown Lakes District Council, Central Otago District Council and Otago Regional Council. A video provided to council from Mayor Alley was played first. Mayor Lewers spoke to Council on behalf of Queenstown District Lakes Council for five minutes with an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions. Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport) and Richard Saunders (Chief Executive) were available to respond to questions. There was an amendment to number 2 of the recommendations.

### **Resolution CM25-128: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Mephram Seconded**

**That** the Council:

- 1. Notes** this report.
- 2. Notes** that Central Otago District Council and Queenstown Lakes District Council are separately considering the regional deals proposal.
- 3. Approves** the regional deals proposal for submission to Central Government.
- 4. Notes** that if the regional deals light touch proposal is approved by Central Government, additional work will be required, including to establish governance arrangements.
- 5. Notes** that there is no budget available to support this work, which is currently being funded from existing budgets.
- 6. Delegates** to the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes to the Regional Deals proposal prior to it being lodged.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## 9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Robertson declared the meeting closed at 12:26 pm.



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Chairperson

19 March 2025  
Date