



Summary of decisions from Mackenzie District Council Extraordinary meeting

16 June 2026

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 16 June the elected members made a number of key decisions.

Annual Plan Engagement Feedback

Councillors received all the feedback provided by the community on the key elements of the Annual Plan 2026/27 the recent engagement activities. They then considered their final budget decisions in light of that feedback.

The elected members then directed staff to prepare the final Annual Plan 2026/27 based on the decisions they made at the Council meetings on 7 April and 26 May 2026, noting that there would be some minor amendments to the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Updated Fees and Charges for 2026/2027

Councillors adopted an updated Fees and Charges Schedule to take effect from 1 July 2026. This schedule outlines the fees payable for council services. Councillors had previously directed that a 3.1% inflationary adjustment would be applied across the board, which was signalled through the Annual Plan process.

Long Term Plan 2027-2037

All Councils are required by legislation to create and adopt a Long-Term Plan 2027–37 by 30 June 2027. At this meeting Councillors considered the work programme required to achieve that deadline. They also:

- Agreed to continue to keep communication from central government of impact of reforms on robustness on the Long Term Plan, especially from year 3 onwards.
- Approved a structured, governance-led LTP programme as outlined in this report, with clear milestones, integrated workstreams, early audit engagement, and consideration of current reforms. This option best supports statutory compliance, informed decision-making, and credible community consultation.
- Confirmed the development of the Long-Term Plan 2027-37 (LTP37) and the key decision milestones for its development as outlined in the report.
- Agreed that while preparing the LTP 37 they will remain open to transition and any new structure that may come from the simplifying local government process.



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Head Start pathway

Simplifying Local Government - Have your say

On 5 May 2026, the government announced the Head Start pathway for Simplifying Local Government - a streamlined, voluntary pathway for councils willing and able to reorganise before the wider reform of local government from 2028.

Our focus is on ensuring that any change that happens here in the Mackenzie reflects our community and our district. As your local council, we are asking you what should be protected, improved, or avoided.

This is an early conversation. No decisions have yet been made. Our council has indicated they in principle support engaging in the Head Start pathway, which is optional. By taking part, we have more control over the changes that will take place in 2028.

The Government has advised that if Territorial Authorities do not deliver a proposal for reorganisation within the timeframe (August 2026) those Councils will be put into a 'Backstop' process, where decisions about reorganisation will be made by Government.

We have a special online page which we are continually updating as new information becomes available. There is also a short survey where we ask for your opinions.



Go to letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz > Local Government Reform - Head Start or scan the QR code.

Twizel Resource Recovery Park

Change of opening hours

Opening hours for the Twizel Resource Recovery Park will change on Wednesday 1 July 2026.

The new hours are 12:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday to Sunday.

Dog Registrations Due

Dog registrations are due by 31 July 2026.

Don't forget, you can pay any time by calling into the council offices at Fairlie and Twizel with your details, or using the online dog registration form.



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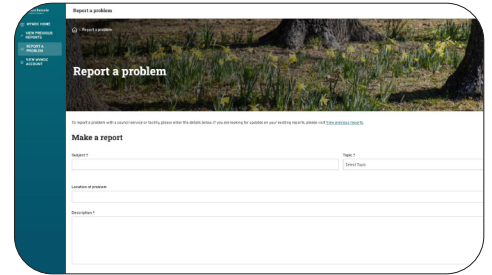
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Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Time*	Location
Monday 29 June	Tekapo Community Board Meeting Lake Tekapo Community Hall	3:00pm	Tekapo
Tuesday 30 June	Council Meeting Council Chambers	9:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 7 July	Finance Committee Meeting Council Chambers	9:30am	Fairlie
Tuesday 7 July	Water Services Committee Council Chambers	11:00am	Fairlie
Tuesday 7 July	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Council Chambers	1:00pm	Fairlie
Tuesday 14 July	Council Workshop Council Chambers	9:30am	Fairlie

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