

Council Meeting Summary News

Council meeting held 29 April 2026

Below is a summary of key decisions made by Council at its meeting on **29 April 2026**. These items required formal Council decisions and are outlined in the meeting agenda.

Wakatu Quay Joint Venture Proposal (*Agenda page 26*)

Following submissions and deliberations Council considered a report to progress further work on a preferred option of a joint venture to support future development at Wakatu Quay. This would include the potential to transfer the land at Wakatu Quay into the joint venture.

Outcome

Council agreed to progress further work on the joint venture option including more detailed feasibility and all necessary due diligence. This includes entering into a non-binding Heads of Agreement with the preferred joint venture partners outlining key principles and the work required for the next steps. The outcome of the due diligence phase will be reported back to Council before any final decision to enter a formal agreement on a joint venture is made.

Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy – Approval to Consult (*Agenda page 34*)

Council reviewed an updated draft Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy, which is required to be reviewed regularly under legislation. The update reflects changes to national gambling regulations and considers different options for managing the number and location of gaming machines in the district. Public consultation on the updated draft is required.

Outcome

Council approved public consultation on the draft policy using the Special Consultative Procedure, with consultation open from **1 May to 1 June 2026**.

Economic Development Strategy (*Agenda page 51*)

Council considered feedback received from community engagement on the draft Economic Development Strategy. The feedback highlighted support for the long-term direction of the Strategy, alongside a desire for clearer short-term actions.

Outcome

Council agreed to adapt the strategy based on the feedback to date including the addition of a

five-year action plan. Further engagement is proposed with relevant stakeholders before full consultation is undertaken on the revised Strategy and supporting action plan.

Transfer of Resource Consents to Kaikōura Hurunui Water Services Ltd (Agenda page 93)

Council considered the transfer of water, wastewater, and stormwater resource consents to Kaikōura Hurunui Water Services Ltd, which will be responsible for delivering water services from 1 July 2026.

Outcome

Council approved the transfer of the relevant resource consents to ensure water services can continue to operate lawfully under the new entity.

Interim Statement of Expectation – Kaikōura Hurunui Water Services Ltd (Agenda page 99)

Following feedback from the board, Council reviewed the updated Interim Statement of Expectation to set out governance, performance, and reporting expectations for Kaikōura Hurunui Water Services Ltd during its establishment phase.

Outcome

Council adopted the revised Interim Statement of Expectation for the company.

Council Discretionary Grants 2026–2027 (Agenda page 102)

Council considered applications for funding from the 2026–2027 Discretionary Grants Fund, which supports community groups and projects across the district.

Outcome

Council approved the allocation of grant funding to successful applicants for the 2026–2027 year up to the full allocation of \$100,000.

Innovative Waste Kaikōura Draft Statement of Intent 2026/27– 2028/29 (Agenda page 107)

Council reviewed the draft Statement of Intent for Innovative Waste Kaikōura, which outlines the company's planned activities, performance targets, and financial forecasts.

Outcome

Council received the draft statement of intent. There was no further feedback to add. It was noted IWK will need to deliver the final SOI to Council before 1st July 2026 but does not require Council approval.