

AGENDA

Emergency Council Meeting

Thursday, 5 November 2026

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Time 11:00 am

Location Council Chamber
District Council Building
King George Place
Timaru

File Reference 1884371

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Emergency Council will be held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru, on Thursday 5 November 2026, at 11:00 am.

Council Members

Mayor Nigel Bowen (Chairperson), Clrs Stacey Scott, Peter Burt, Stu Piddington, Scott Shannon, Michelle Pye, Owen Jackson, Graeme Wilson, Chris Thomas and Philip Harper

Quorum – no less than 5 members

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Councillors are reminded that if they have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Paul Cooper

Acting Chief Executive

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1 Apologies

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4.1 Calling of Emergency Meeting

Author: **Stephen Doran, General Manager Corporate**

Authoriser: **Paul Cooper, Acting Chief Executive**

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes that this is an emergency meeting for Council to consider the purchase of a small parcel of rural land in order to enable council to bid at the Mortgagee Auction being held on 5 November 2026 at 1pm as no other practicable meeting time before that deadline exists.
2. Notes that written notice of the time, place and general nature of business was given to members and the Chief Executive approximately 16 hours before this meeting.
3. Notes that each member present waived the requirement to be given the meeting notice at least 24 hours before the meeting and were content to proceed with the meeting.
4. Notes that the agenda and this notice could not be made publicly available at least 2 working days beforehand but was made public prior to the meeting.
5. Suspends the following standing orders 9.1 and 9.10 which require agendas to be circulated and distributed two days prior to a meeting.

Purpose of Report

1 The purpose of this report is to note the reasons for the calling of an emergency meeting and that due to external requirements, not all requirements of LGOIMA are able to be satisfied, and request that elected members present waive their requirement of notice.

Assessment of Significance

2 This is a procedural matter and would be considered of low significance.

Discussion

LGOIMA Compliance

3 This meeting is called as an emergency meeting under clause 22A of Schedule 7, LGA 2002. Elected members are unavailable on 8 and 9 August, and no scheduled meeting falls before the Government's submission deadline of 9 August — there is no other opportunity for Council to consider this matter in time. The need for considering this report arises due to further discussions by the partnership councils concluding that the submission by the remaining group of councils was significantly weakened from a territorial and environmental management perspective without the inclusion of the Ashburton district in the proposal.

4 Clause 22A(2) requires at least 24 hours' notice. Members received approximately 4.5 hours' notice. As all members are present, they are asked to formally waive this shortfall under clause 20(2) before substantive business proceeds.

5 LGOIMA requires the agenda to be publicly available at least 2 working days beforehand and requires public notice of meetings. Neither could be met in the time available. This does not invalidate the meeting, but officers must give public notice as soon as practicable. The agenda has been published prior to the meeting.

6 The underlying decision is a governance correction to a prior resolution, not an urgent matter in itself — the urgency comes from member availability against the Government's deadline, not the substance of the decision.

7 Noting the above waiver, and for completeness the resolutions seek the suspension of Standing Orders 9.1 and 9.10 that require agendas to be circulated and distributed 2 days before meetings. This requires at least 75 per cent of members present and voting to support that motion.

Attachments

Nil

5 Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration

6 Exclusion of Public

Recommendation

That the public be excluded from—

- *(a)the whole of the proceedings of this meeting; or
- *(b)the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely,—

6.1 Purchase of land for council operational purposes

The general subject 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(1) 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	Plain English Reason
6.1 - Purchase of land for council operational purposes	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(j) - The withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	To enable Council to carry out commercial or industrial negotiations To prevent use of the information for improper gain or advantage

*I also move that [name of person or persons] be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of [specify]. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because [specify] .

*Delete if inapplicable.

Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- "(4)Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof)—

- (a)shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b)shall form part of the minutes of the local authority."