

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary meeting of the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee will be held on:

Date: Friday, 24 May 2024
Time: 9:00 am
Meeting room: Great South, 143 Spey Street, Invercargill
Venue:

Great South Joint Shareholders Committee Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

Rob Scott, Mayor Southland District Council (Chair)	A class shareholder
Ben Bell, Mayor, Gore District Council	A class shareholder
Nobby Clark, Mayor, Invercargill City Council	A class shareholder
Nicol Horrell, Chair, Environment Southland	A class shareholder
Daryl Haggerty, Acting Chief Executive, Southern Institute of Technology	B class shareholder
Neil McAra, President, Southland Chamber of Commerce	B class shareholder
Mark Paterson, General Manager, Maitaha Licensing Trust	B class shareholder
Chris Ramsay, Chief Executive, Invercargill Licensing Trust	B class shareholder
Jackie Flutey, Chief Executive Officer, Community Trust South	Member

Note: The reports contained within this agenda are for consideration and should not be construed as Council policy unless and until adopted. Should Members require further information relating to any reports, please contact the relevant manager, Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson.

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1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3 Conflict of Interest

Joint Committee members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Joint Committee to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."

5 Confirmation of Council Minutes

- 5.1 Meeting minutes of Great South Joint Shareholders Committee, 28 March 2024

Great South Joint Shareholders Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Great South Joint Shareholders Committee held in the Great South, 143 Spey Street, Invercargill on Thursday, 28 March 2024 at 9:00 am. (9.01am – 10.36am (PE 9.48am – 10.36)).

PRESENT

A class shareholders

Rob Scott, Mayor Southland District Council (Chair)
Ben Bell, Mayor, Gore District Council (9.03am – 10.36am)
Nobby Clark, Mayor, Invercargill City Council (9.01am – 10.11am)
Nicol Horrell, Chair, Environment Southland (MS Teams 9.01am – 9.53am)

B class shareholders

Daryl Haggerty, Acting Chief Executive, Southern Institute of Technology (MS Teams 9.10am – 10.29am)
Sheree Carey, Southland Chamber of Commerce
Chris Ramsay, Chief Executive, Invercargill Licensing Trust (9.01am – 10am)

Member

Jackie Flutey, Chief Executive Officer, Community Trust South

APOLOGIES

Chris Ramsay, Chief Executive, Invercargill Licensing Trust early departure

IN ATTENDANCE

Ian Collier, Board Chair, Great South
Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive, Great South
Suzanne Hotton, General Manager finance, IT and Facilities, Great South
Bonnie Lawrence, Strategic Programmes Manager, Environment Southland
Cameron McIntosh, Chief Executive, Southland District Council
Michael Day, Chief Executive, Invercargill City Council
Megan Seator, Policy Advisor, Southland Mayoral Forum
Rachael Poole, Committee Advisor, Southland District Council

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Member Ramsay for an early departure

Moved Member Carey, seconded Mayor Bell and **resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee accept the apology.

2 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

5 Confirmation of Council Minutes

Resolution

Moved Member Flutey, seconded Mayor Scott **and resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Reports

6.1 Great South update

Record No: R/24/3/23308

Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive, Great South updated the committee on Great South's activities up to 21 March 2024. These included the launch of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs, representation at the Southern Field Days and presenting to the Kāinga Ora review panel around housing. Ms Abeysinghe also noted that the first stage of development for the digital platform and dashboard was progressing well and the service contract for it will be awarded soon.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Clark, seconded Mayor Bell **and resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled "Great South update".**

6.2 Great South Six Monthly Report to 31 December 2023

Record No: R/24/3/23307

Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive and Ian Collier, Board Chair, Great South updated the committee on Great South's recent activities up to the 31 December 2023.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Mayor Clark **and resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled "Great South Six Monthly Report to 31 December 2023" dated 25 March 2024.**

6.3 City and Regions Deals briefing to the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee

Record No: R/24/3/23645

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the committee on the City and Regions Deals scheme being proposed by the government.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Mayor Bell **and resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled "City and Regions Deals briefing to the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee".**

Public Excluded

Exclusion of the public: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Great South Joint Shareholders Committee

24 May 2024

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Mayor Bell

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

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:

C7.1 Joint Shareholders Committee feedback to Great South on draft Statement of Intent 2024-2025

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Joint Shareholders Committee feedback to Great South on draft Statement of Intent 2024-2025.	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	That the public conduct of the whole or 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 exists.

The public were excluded at 9.48am.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available unless released here.

The meeting concluded at 10.36am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE GREAT SOUTH JOINT SHAREHOLDERS COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

LTP updates

Record no: R/24/5/34062

Author: Michal Gray, Democracy advisor

Approved by: Michael Aitken, GM strategy & partnerships (interim)

Decision

Recommendation

Information

This is an opportunity for the member councils to update the Joint Shareholders Committee on the council's Long Term Plan process.

Recommendation

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled "LTP updates".**

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Great South update

Record no: R/24/5/34052

Author: Michal Gray, Democracy advisor

Approved by: Michael Aitken, GM strategy & partnerships (interim)

Decision

Recommendation

Information

The purpose of this report is to enable Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive and Ian Collier, Board Chair from Great South to update the Joint Shareholders Committee on recent activities of Great South.

Recommendation

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled “Great South update”.**

Attachments

A Great South report



To The Joint Shareholder Committee
Date 20 May 2023

Great South Report

Author	Chami Abeyasinghe, Chief Executive
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General Overview

Work is ramping up as we pass the third quarter of the 2023/24 financial year. The team have been progressing work against the KPIs for the year. We have also been working to complete the draft Statement of Intent for the next financial year and have held several company-wide workshops to progress a business plan that ties into the SOI. On 10 April, we were pleased to receive confirmation of support for the draft 2024/25 SOI from the Joint Shareholders with only four considerations requested from SDC, GDC, ES and CTS.

Given recent changes to funding for 2024/25 FY, we are now progressing a review of our deliverables against the draft SOI and will be working to recommend changes, present and/or workshop these changes with councils and then progress the final version of the SOI to our shareholders as soon as practicable.

The work around developing regional opportunities continued over the last few weeks, and we have now completed seven opportunities with the Energy Opportunity needing some final tweaks. We have a consolidated view of how the opportunities come together to support economic development for Southland including;

- Building Aquaculture in Murihiku Southland to a \$1Billion sales revenue industry
- Growing our Agriculture GDP contribution from \$3.95B to \$4.5Billion
- Growing Tourism visitor expenditure to \$1Billion

As a region, the four council mayors and chair had the opportunity to present our position to Hon Mark Patterson, Minister for Rural Communities, Associate Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development when he visited Southland last week. The presentation was well received with Minister Patterson identifying Southland's strengths especially, as it was presented as a collective whole.

With information about city/regional deals due to be released by the government tomorrow, my understanding from our regional leaders is that we are still a strong contender to pilot a regional deal with central government and a workplan to support this will be considered when reviewing and changing the draft SOI for 2024/25 FY .

Key points

- **Campaigns, events and launches.**
 - Great South will launch 'Get a life' campaign on Wednesday 22 May 2024. This campaign is to support attraction and retention of out of region workforce and will be a toolkit provided to businesses for their use.
 - Under the Southland Youth Futures banner, Great South will be delivering Southland Careers Fest 2024. This was handed over to us from Southern Directionz and Dave McKissock who delivered this event over the last 19 years and ties in perfectly with the work we do with youth in schools through the SYF programme. Southland Careers Fest will be held at ILT Stadium in August 2024.

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- The Events team have coordinated Taste Southland – culinary experiences revolving around the Bluff Oyster Festival between 23 – 26 May 2024
- Great South was successful in securing a three-year contract for the City Centre Coordinator position from Invercargill City Council. This three-year contract allows us to provide job security to the City Centre Coordinator.
- The Tourism and Events team represented Southland at TRENZ in early May. The team conducted 100 appointments and several famils prior to the event which was held in Wellington this year.

- **Economic opportunities**

- Bobbi is progressing the regional unified data and repository work. We have appointed a contractor to design and develop the platform which will include a Data & Insights website and preliminary dashboards include regional economic and demographic data, housing, tourism and climate change info.
- Bobbi is also progressing the Regional Housing Plan and is working with Shareholders and wider stakeholder groups to progress this work.
- We are developing an RFP for the Aquaculture strategy. Input from councils, especially Environment Southland is being collated. The final draft of the RFP will be sent to Aimee Kaio for review prior to it being posted. This will be a closed RFP as there are only a handful of capable service providers that can deliver this work in New Zealand.
- Great South along with Sustainable Seas National Science Challenge will be presenting a workshop on Blue Economy on Friday 24 May 2024. The workshop will cover the emergence of a blue economy, New Zealand's blue economy in practice including regional approaches, product examples and sector examples.

- **Upcoming Priorities**

- Work on finalising the SOI for 2024/25. Review based on new priorities, establishing Southland as a pilot for a regional deal and evaluating the impact of funding changes.
- Meeting with Environment Southland to discuss how Great South can better support the work ES needs to complete on behalf of the region. We hope to discuss and present the technical support we can provide to ES as the lead agency and regulator for environmental management in our region.
- Wellington meetings – delegation to present Southland's opportunities. Great South to meet with staff at central government agencies.