

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

**Date:** Friday, 21 June 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Venue:** Great South,  
143 Spey Street, Invercargill

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# Great South Joint Shareholders Committee Agenda

## OPEN

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### 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
Sheree Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Southland Chamber of Commerce	B class shareholder
Mark Paterson, General Manager, Maitava Licensing Trust	B class shareholder
Chris Ramsay, Chief Executive, Invercargill Licensing Trust	B class shareholder
Jackie Flutey, Chief Executive Officer, Community Trust South	Member

## Health and safety – emergency procedures

**Toilets** – The location of the toilets will be advised at the meeting.

**Evacuation** – Should there be an evacuation for any reason please exit via the exits indicated at the venue.

**Earthquake** – Drop, cover and hold applies in this situation and, if necessary, once the shaking has stopped we will evacuate the building to a safe location.

**Phones** – Please turn your mobile devices to silent mode.

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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, 24 May 2024

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# Great South Joint Shareholders Committee

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Great South Joint Shareholders Committee held at Great South, 143 Spey Street, Invercargill on Friday, 24 May 2024 at 9:00 am (9:01 – 9:50 am, PE 9:50-10:45 am).

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### PRESENT

#### A class shareholders

Rob Scott, Mayor Southland District Council (Chair)  
Ben Bell, Mayor, Gore District Council  
Nobby Clark, Mayor, Invercargill City Council  
Jeremy McPhail, Deputy Chair, Environment Southland

#### B class shareholders

Daryl Haggerty, Acting Chief Executive, Southern Institute of Technology (MS Teams 9:01-10:25 am)  
Sheree Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Southland Chamber of Commerce  
Chris Ramsay, Chief Executive, Invercargill Licensing Trust

#### Member

Jackie Flutey, Chief Executive Officer, Community Trust South

### APOLOGIES

Nicol Horrell, Chair, Environment Southland.

### 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  
Lornae Straith, Chief Executive, Gore District Council  
Megan Seator, Policy Advisor, Southland Mayoral Forum  
Michal Gray, Democracy Advisor, Southland District Council

**1 Apologies**

**Apologies were received from** Chair Horrell.

Moved Member Flutey, seconded Mayor Bell and resolved:

**That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee accept the apology .**

**2 Leave of absence**

There were no requests for leave of absence.

**3 Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4 Extraordinary/Urgent Items**

Mayor Scott advised the committee that there was an urgent item that connect be delayed and that he will move be in PE.

Mayor Scott moved and Member Ramsay seconded **and resolved that the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee consider the late item.**

**5 Confirmation of Council Minutes**

**Resolution**

Moved Member Flutey, seconded Mayor Bell **and resolved**

**That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**Reports**

**7.1 LTP updates**

**Record No: R/24/5/34062**

The Mayors and Deputy Chari of the council shareholders updated the committee on their respective Long Term Plans.

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### Resolution

Moved Mayor Bell, seconded Member Ramsay **and resolved**

**That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:**

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

## 7.2 Great South update

**Record No: R/24/5/34052**

Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive, Great South updated the board on the Great South's activities and particularly highlighted the recent visit by Hon Mark Patterson, Minister for Rural Communities and Associate Minister for Agriculture).

Ms Abeysinghe also updated the committee on the launch of the "Get a life Southland" campaign

### Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Member Ramsay **and resolved**

**That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:**

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

## Public Excluded

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

#### Resolution

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

**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:**

#### Verbal report Great South

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
Verbal report Great South	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be



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	<p>the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.</p>
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The public were excluded at 9:50 am.

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 in PE at 10:45 am

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE GREAT SOUTH JOINT SHAREHOLDERS COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 May 2024.

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....



## **Great South update**

**Record no:** R/24/6/39573

**Author:** Michal Gray, Democracy advisor

**Approved by:** Vibhuti Chopra, Group manager strategy and partnerships

Decision

Recommendation

Information

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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 update dated 14 June 2024



To The Joint Shareholder Committee  
Date 14 June 2024

## Great South Report

Author	Chami Abeyasinghe, Chief Executive
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### General Overview

As we come to the end of the 2023/24 financial year, I feel proud of the achievements by the Great South team and the significant amount of work we have completed on behalf of our shareholders.

I personally feel like significant progress has also been made in our ability to speak as one unified region, demonstrated when Minister Mark Patterson visited us last month. The ongoing discussions since the Minister's visit has highlighted with central government, how well placed Murihiku Southland is with knowing what we want to see developed for our region. Since the Minister's visit, we have been contacted numerous times by the Minister's office for better understanding of the issues with Southland roads and bridges following the data, stats and information presented from work completed under an external contract with SDC.

We also had a better understanding of government priorities through the budget announcements on 30 May 2024, and we received the joyous confirmation that Tiwai would remain for a further 20 years.

Some of the key highlights since the last JSC meeting:

- Quarterly presentations made to ICC, ES and GDC, with SDC being held next week.
- We've progressed **DISH** – Data and Insights Southland Hub and are developing four key dashboards to support councils, stakeholders and the wider community with good decision making as a minimum viable product by July 2024.
- We've progressed a Regional Housing Plan which will be ready for review by end June 2024.
- The Tourism and Events team have successfully launched 'Get A life I Get Southland' toolbox for businesses to help with recruitment.
- ILT Kidzone planning and preparations are well underway.
- Sustainable Seas National Science Challenge workshop on Blue Economy held with around 20 attendees.
- Supported an Agent Famil for 10 x Chinese International Education agents in Invercargill that was organised through Education New Zealand

At the last JSC meeting, we discussed the current fiscal environment and its impact on Great South which necessitated a restructure of our organisation. A proposal on a new structure has been presented to our staff and we are currently in the consultation phase, which draws to a close on Tuesday 18 June 2024.

The final decision of the company structure is scheduled to be presented to the staff on Friday 21 June, and will be shared with the Shareholders thereafter.

As requested by us, and approved by the Joint Shareholders, we will progress our SOI for 2024/25 FY thereafter with an aim to have this adopted on or before 31 July 2024.

#### Southland Regional Development Agency

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## Key points

### • Enduring Oversight Group

- On 30 May 2024, we were advised by Dean Ford, GM Economic Development and Transitions at MBIE that Just Transitions would no longer continue.
- He confirmed that any contracts already signed, including multi-year contracts would be honoured – that was beneficial for several projects under Just Transitions.
- A discussion about the regional leadership was undertaken but Neil reiterated that the region's Mayors and Chair did not think that a Leadership Group to replace the EOG was necessary.
- A letter confirming Dean's message was sent to EOG members on 04 June 2024.

### • Economic opportunities

- Several discussions have been conducted between Great South (Bobbi) and Murihiku Aquaculture Group MAG (Aimee Kaio) on the RFP to be established to help our region produce an Aquaculture Strategy.
- Disappointingly, we received advise from Dean at the EOG meeting that the \$1.4M earmarked for Aquaculture in Southland was no longer available.
- A proposal on how to lead the development for Aquaculture in Murihiku Southland is being designed and development will be undertaken with further inputs from stakeholders.

### • Upcoming Priorities

- Complete restructure and build confidence within Great South.
- Finalise the SOI for 2024/25.
- Build a Business Plan to support the SOI and key deliverables.
- 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 (*carried over*).