

# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

February 2016

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum meets quarterly and is chaired by Jim Palmer (Waimakariri).

Your chief executives are working together to provide **better local government services for Canterbury.**

Members are Andrew Dalziel (Ashburton), Angela Oosthuizen (Kaikōura), Bede Carran (Waimate), Bill Bayfield (ECan), David Ward (Selwyn), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Dr. Karleen Edwards (Christchurch), Michael Ross (Waitaki), Peter Nixon (Timaru) and Wayne Barnett (Mackenzie).

The secretariat is hosted by Environment Canterbury and also supports the Mayoral Forum and Policy Forum.



## CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

The Forum met on 15 February 2016. Chief executives:

- welcomed Angela Oosthuizen, the new CE of Kaikōura district
- received reports on reviews of Canterbury councils' asset management systems and 2015-45 infrastructure strategies and referred these to engineering managers for advice, noting a number of collaboration opportunities that will need prioritisation, allocation of responsibilities and resourcing
- reviewed progress on collaboration and shared services 2013-16 and agreed to seek endorsement from the Mayoral Forum for a working group to explore 'what next' for 2016-19 – how could Canterbury councils best position, and organise, ourselves to govern and manage the delivery of services, infrastructure and regulatory functions across our region, and get the best bang for every ratepayer's buck?
- have submitted an entry in the SOLGM Local Government Excellence Awards ('collaborative government action') for the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS)
- received updates on CREDS implementation and discussed the need to plan for resourcing this – we've been doing it 'on the smell of an oily rag' but the rag is now wrung dry (and sometimes we have to spend to save)
- discussed how to build 'the case for Christchurch and its region' – the vital task of attracting people to live, study, work, play and stay in Canterbury
- received a presentation from Dr. Karleen Edwards on developments and direction at the Christchurch City Council/Regenerate
- received reports from the Policy Forum on greater Christchurch councils' decision making on a joint public transport committee, and on a project to investigate options for collective approaches to valuation and rating services
- discussed health and safety concerns for staff around the scheduling of regional meetings that require early or late travel. Environment Canterbury is sharing its meeting and travel guidelines with other councils. Health and safety is a top priority for Canterbury CEs.

## COMING UP

- the Mayoral Forum meets on Friday 26 February
- the Policy Forum meets on Friday 18 March
- the CEs Forum next meets on Monday 4 April.

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