

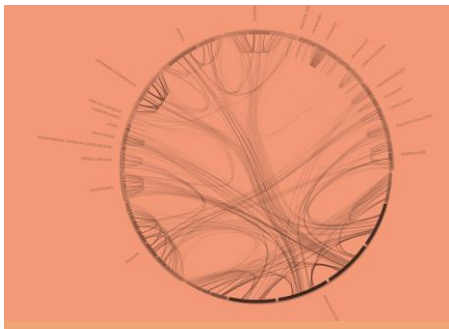


# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

January 2016

The Canterbury Policy Forum has asked its secretariat to circulate a summary of key points from regional leadership forum meetings (Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Chief Executives Forum, Canterbury Policy Forum) for chief executives to share with staff.

Let's make the information flow both ways – alert your council's member or the secretariat to opportunities to speak with one strong Canterbury voice, and to work together for the good of our communities and region.



## CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

The Policy Forum met on **29 January 2016**. Key agenda items were:

- an update on actions under way with the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS)
- the Canterbury Planning Managers Group's report on regulatory barriers to CREDS programmes for digital connectivity, value-added production and tourism
- the Government programme of new NPSs and NESs under the RMA – staff from MFE joined the Forum to discuss timelines and opportunities for Canterbury councils to engage with these initiatives
- a review of Canterbury councils' Infrastructure Strategies
- discussion of councils' policies and practices for managing requests for information under LGOIMA (the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act)
- the new collaborative group set up to manage natural hazard risk
- opportunities to build capacity following the November 2015 pilot training workshop for councils' policy advisors.

## COMING UP

The Chief Executives Forum (chaired by Jim Palmer, Waimakariri) next meets on **Monday 15 February 2016**.

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum (chaired by Dame Margaret Bazley, ECan) will meet again on **Friday 26 February 2016**.

## FORUM MEMBERS

The Policy Forum meets quarterly and is chaired by Bill Bayfield (ECan). Members are Bede Carran (Waimate), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Jill Atkinson (ECan), Mark Low (Timaru), Michael Ross (Waitaki), Brendan Anstiss (Christchurch), David Ward (Selwyn), Simon Markham (Waimakariri), Angela Oosthuizen (Kaikōura), Toni Morrison (Mackenzie) and Vincie Billante (Ashburton).

The secretariat (Steve Gibling, Ronnie Cooper and Bernadette Sanders) is drawn from the Strategic Policy team at Environment Canterbury.

## The role of the Canterbury Policy Forum

- joint analysis and submissions (*one strong Canterbury voice*)
- reduce duplication of policy effort (*efficient local government*)
- implement joint initiatives (*collaborate to get better results*).

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