



NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

February 2017

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

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

The Secretariat (David Bromell, Anna Puentener and Bernadette Sanders) is hosted by Environment Canterbury.



Key focus: How might Canterbury councils best work together and support each other during 2017–19 to deliver good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance and regulatory functions?

CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

Chief Executives met on 3 February 2017, their first meeting since the North Canterbury earthquakes. Chief Executives of Hurunui and Kaikōura expressed their appreciation for the practical support they received from their Canterbury colleagues and staff of Canterbury councils who were deployed to assist.

The Forum also:

- discussed actions arising from the recent Canterbury Mayoral Forum, which convened for the first time since local body elections on 27 January 2017. This included the process for approving the Triennial Agreement by member councils. Mayors have received the current three-year work programme, which includes a refresh of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy
- finalised the ‘Working Together for Canterbury’ paper for presentation to Mayors when they meet in February 2017. The paper provides a framework and criteria for deciding what Canterbury councils collaborate on and why, when, how, with whom and who pays. A list of current and upcoming regulatory proposals from central government will be developed to gauge potential regional submissions
- agreed to the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Canterbury Health and Safety Advisors Group with membership from all Canterbury councils. The Group’s goal is to improve provision of health and safety advice across Canterbury councils to achieve improved health and safety outcomes
- received updates from the Canterbury Drinking Water Reference Group, the Rating and Valuation Services Project, the Long-Term Plan Working Group, the Three Waters Strategic Assessment project and the Technology Working Group
- noted that Stuart Duncan was to start as the new Chief Executive of Waimate District Council on 7 February 2017; the Chief Executives Forum looks forward to welcoming Stuart at the May meeting.

COMING UP

- The Canterbury Mayoral Forum next meets on 23-24 February 2017.
- The Chief Executives Forum next meets on 8 May 2017.

CONTACT THE SECRETARIAT Anna Puentener – t: (027) 406-4576, e: secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz

... a strong regional economy with resilient, connected communities and a better quality of life for all