



# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

July 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), Neil Jorgensen (acting, Waitaki), Stuart Duncan (Waimate) and Wayne Barnett (Mackenzie).

The Secretariat (David Bromell, Anna Puentener) 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 31 July 2017 and:

- agreed detail for the resourcing and implementation of Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy accelerator projects and added these projects to the Mayors three-year work programme
- prepared for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy discussion at the Mayoral Forum on 25 August - background and history (for new Mayors) and discussing 2020 targets
- discussed the RMA focus of the proposed regional Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement working group and the potential benefits to councils that stronger regional capability in these functions will bring
- heard about earthquake recovery progress from CEs of Hurunui and Kaikōura
- received the Policy Forum report, and agreed for the report on regional submissions to be presented to Mayors, as it demonstrates the effectiveness of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum working together
- agreed for the secretariat to work with demography staff from Statistics NZ to arrange a workshop for Canterbury councils' staff on using population data in policy and planning
- heard about Greater Christchurch Partnership and the dual challenge of the refresh of the Urban Development Strategy dovetailing with the NPS on Urban Development
- received updates from the Corporate and Operations Forums, the Health and Safety Advisors Group, the Rating and Valuation Services Project, the Long-Term Plan Working Group and the Three Waters Strategic Assessment project
- farewelled Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive of Mackenzie District Council, and thanked him for his contribution to the Forum.

## COMING UP

- The Canterbury Regional Economic Strategy (CREDS) reference group next meets on 24 August and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum meets on 25 August 2017.
- The Canterbury Policy Forum next meets on 6 Oct 2017.
- The Operations and Corporate Forums meet on 16 Oct 2017.
- The Chief Executives Forum next meets on 30 Oct 2017.

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