

Agenda

Canterbury Policy Forum

Date	Friday 6 April 2018
Time	12.00pm (lunch) for 12.30pm (meeting commences)
Venue	Council Chambers, Selwyn District Council, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Attendees	Bill Bayfield (Chair, Environment Canterbury), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Simon Markham (Waimakariri), Brendan Anstiss (Christchurch), Mark Low and Tracy Tierney (Timaru), Toni Morrison (Mackenzie), Carolyn Johns (Waimate), Vincie Billante (Ashburton), Geoff Meadows (Waimakariri), Mike Roesler (Waitaki), Matt Hoggard (Kaikōura), Ronnie Cooper (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu), Douglas Marshall (for David Ward – Selwyn)
In Attendance	Cameron Smith (Environment Canterbury) Suzette van Aswegen (Mackenzie) – for item 7 Caroline Hart (Environment Canterbury) – for item 12 Secretariat: David Bromell, Simon Fraser, Louise McDonald (Minutes)
Apologies	David Ward (Selwyn), David Perenara-O’Connell (Environment Canterbury)

Time	Item	Paper	Person
12:30	1. Welcome, introductions and apologies		Chair
	2. Confirmation of Agenda		Chair
	3. Minutes from the previous meeting		Chair
	a. Confirmation of meeting minutes - 2 February 2018	✓	
	b. Action points		
	For discussion and decision		
12:35	4. Ngāi Tahu update		Ronnie Cooper
	a. Mana Whakahono a Rohe		
	b. Climate change		
12:50	5. Policy Forum priorities for the coming year	✓	Bill Bayfield
1:10	6. Immigration and International Education	✓	Secretariat
1:35	7. Mackenzie Basin Opportunities for Agency Alignment	✓	Bill Bayfield / Suzette van Aswegen
1:50	8. Climate Change working group – annual work programme	✓	Stephanie Rixecker
2:10	9. Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement working group	✓	Tracy Tierney
	a. Confirm Terms of Reference		
	For information		
2:20	10. Canterbury Earthquakes - Whole of Recovery Symposium		Brendan Antiss
2:30	11. Canterbury Planning Managers Group update	✓	Geoff Meadows
2:40	12. CWMS update	✓	Caroline Hart
	General business		
2:50	13. Other matters		
3:00	Close		

Next meeting: Friday 20 July

Canterbury Policy Forum

Confirmed

Minutes

Date:	Friday 2 February 2018 at 12.30 pm
Venue:	Council Chamber, Selwyn District Council, Rolleston
Attendance:	Bill Bayfield (chair), Hamish Dobbie, David Perenara-O'Connell, David Ward, Vincie Billante, Brendan Anstiss, Toni Morrison, Mark Low, Carolyn Johns, Tracy Tierney, Simon Markham, Jesse Burgess Environment Canterbury: Cameron Smith, Chris Keeling, Darren Fiddler, Secretariat: Simon Fraser, David Bromell, Louise McDonald (minutes)
Apologies:	Geoff Meadows (Waimarariri), Ronnie Cooper (Ngāi Tahu), Mike Roesler (Waitaki), Matt Hoggard (Kaikōura)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY POINTS DISCUSSED / RESOLVED	ACTION POINTS (Who will action, when?)
1.	Tracey Tierney and Simon Fraser were welcomed to their first policy forum.	
3.	Minutes from 6 October 2017 were approved. Action points update: 4. Mana Whakahono o Rohe – Ronnie Cooper to report back at the next meeting. 9. Population data in policy and planning – workshop will be held later in the year following release of the census data 11.CWMS quarterly update – due to timing this report will go first to the CEs forum and Mayoral Forum, then to the Policy Forum 13. National Planning Standards – the new Minister is looking at the high costs of compliance 14.Climate Change working group – Ronnie Cooper to report back at the next meeting	Ronnie to provide updates to April meeting on Mana Whakahono o Rohe and climate change discussion at Ngai Tahu
4.	Government developments Brendan Anstiss introduced this report noting that the new Government had just completed its first 100 days and that there will be further details to come from the Government. Cameron Smith highlighted some outstanding questions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • climate change • Ministry for Primary Industries/Crown Forestry are looking for land to plant pine trees • management of freshwater • planning standards 	

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	<p>David Ward advised that the new government is going to look at the Shand report that was commissioned by the previous Labour government.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be proactive and let the government know Canterbury's priorities • with only one Canterbury Minister (Hon Dr Megan Woods) need to build relationships with other MPs 	
5.	<p>Round table on 2018-28 Long Term Plans</p> <p>Attendees reported on the development of their draft Long-Term Plans.</p>	
6.	<p>Progressing discussion on the biodiversity challenge</p> <p>Chris Keeling spoke to this report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury biosecurity officers are available to assist TAs with monitoring/enforcing maintaining biodiversity on private land. • In a highly modified environment – should the focus be on particular areas, in order to prioritise resources? • Share the good work happening. Suggestion that Timaru DC present a case study of biosecurity work in its region at next meeting. 	<p>Provide update on biodiversity, following the Environment Canterbury Pest Management Plan review – Secretariat.</p> <p>Secretariat invite Timaru to present a case study at next meeting</p>
7.	<p>Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS) – funding and implementation update</p> <p>Dave Bromell presented this report noting that the process of obtaining funding from central government was slow, but the secretariat is now able to finalise contracts.</p> <p>Mayors have indicated they want to see results. Immigration / international education has been identified as the top policy priority to address this year.</p> <p>Ministers and CREDS partners to attend Mayoral Forum working dinners. This to be arranged around themes, with digital conductivity to be the subject for 1 March.</p>	
8.	<p>Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS) – regional transport</p> <p>Darren Fidler presented his report and invited feedback from the meeting.</p> <p>Appreciation for this project linking transport work across the region was expressed.</p>	
9.	<p>Canterbury Planning Managers Group update</p> <p>Jesse Burgess reported on the Planning Managers Group meeting held the previous week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity – comment provided to Chris Keeling for the government think piece. • Regional forum – looking at work programmes to see how the dots can be joined. 	

AGENDA ITEM	KEY POINTS DISCUSSED / RESOLVED	ACTION POINTS (Who will action, when?)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National hazards group – looking to manage risks. Will discuss reporting line (currently reporting to the Operations Forum). • Field trips to the Darfield Fonterra plant and the Road Metals quarry were useful. • Further trips being planned: ChCh rebuild, Timaru biodiversity and pest control, irrigation schemes and forestry practices. • Alpine Fault 8 project – Otago University • MfE National Planning Standards 	
10.	<p>Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement working group</p> <p>Tracy Tierney reported on the first meeting of the Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement working group held that morning. The meeting looked at the scope of the group and reviewed the draft Terms of Reference.</p> <p>A half day workshop will be held 9 March to undertake a SWOT analysis. Then the group will meet quarterly on the same day as the Policy Forum.</p> <p>The group will look at the recommendations from Dr Marie Brown's report, <i>Last Line of Defence, compliance, monitoring and enforcement of New Zealand's environmental law</i>, Environmental Defence Society.</p>	
11.	<p>General Business</p> <p>Mackenzie Basin report – Bill Bayfield advised that this report with recommendations will be announced by the five agencies involved: DOC, LINZ, Mackenzie and Waimate District Councils and Environment Canterbury on 20 February 2018.</p> <p>2018 Forums meeting schedule – The Mayoral Forum will continue to meet at the Airport Commodore Hotel, Christchurch, followed by the CDEM Joint Committee. The Regional Transport Committee in 2018 will meet on the Thursday afternoon prior.</p> <p>Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak – Vincie advised that the Ministry for Primary Industries had set up a Field Headquarters in Ashburton. It was noted that councils' field staff need to be aware of protocols.</p> <p>Quarry Standards – Bill offered to come back with information on quarry standards.</p>	Share Environment Canterbury quarry standards with the Policy Forum.
	Next Meeting: Friday 6 April 2018	
	The forum closed at 2.34 pm	

Date: 6 April 2018

Presented by: Bill Bayfield

Policy Forum priorities for the coming year

Purpose

1. This paper serves as a conversation starter to discuss upcoming priorities for the Policy Forum. This paper also provides updates on Central Government initiatives that affect the Canterbury region.

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

1. **encourage councils to inform the Secretariat on potential applications to the Provincial Growth Fund/1 Billion Trees Programme, and/or the Tourism Infrastructure Fund**
2. **direct the Climate Change Working Group to prepare advice and draft a submission on options for the Zero Carbon Bill on behalf of the Policy Forum**
3. **note that the proposed National Planning Standards are due to be formally notified in May 2018.**

Background

2. The main role of the Policy Forum is to focus on the larger strategic issues facing the region in light of ongoing Government policy development, and matters of regional significance affecting local government and communities. To achieve this, the Policy Forum should:
 - a. ensure a strong local government “voice” on issues affecting Canterbury
 - b. reduce duplication of policy effort and, as a result, work more effectively and efficiently together
 - c. provide support to smaller councils when assessing national and regional policy initiatives
 - d. facilitate communication and engagement with Ngāi Tahu
 - e. practice working together in ways that support innovation, collaboration and joint initiatives.

3. Matters the Policy Forum should focus on include:
 - a. national policy initiatives and announcements – providing analysis and jointly prepared submissions, where appropriate
 - b. regional opportunities/initiatives in the strategy, policy and planning sphere
 - c. regional growth opportunities, including identification of areas where influence at a national level might be valuable
 - d. implementation of joint initiatives agreed by the Mayors and/or CEs Forum.

Upcoming Government priorities

4. Of interest to the Canterbury Mayoral Forums is developments emerging from the Government following last year's general election. With the Labour Government's First 100 Day Plan implemented, further details are starting to emerge on policy direction. Below is a summary of Government initiatives since the last Policy Forum meeting. Verbal updates on other initiatives will be welcomed at the meeting.

Budget 2018

5. Budget 2018 will be announced on Thursday 17 May 2018. Priorities for Budget 2018 were announced as part of the Budget Policy Statement 2018 released in December 2017. Budget 2018 will focus primarily on implementing initiatives started as part of the First 100 Day Plan, as well as initiatives included in the Labour-NZ First Coalition Agreement and the Labour-Greens Confidence and Supply Agreement.

Provincial Growth Fund

6. The Provincial Growth Fund was officially launched on 23 February 2018. The Fund consists of three categories:
 - a. *Regional projects and capability* – Smaller scale economic development projects and feasibility studies to build skills, capability and capacity in regions. Uses streamlined processes with quickfire monthly consideration of projects.
 - b. *Sector investments (including the 1 Billion Trees programme)* - Driving regional development through investment in priority and/or high value sectors that will make a significant contribution to a region's future growth potential. More commercially focussed and will work with private sector investors in partnership where possible. Three rounds per year, to be assessed by an Independent Advisory Panel with advice from Senior Regional Officials.
 - c. *Enabling infrastructure projects* - major infrastructure initiatives that will contribute to lifting the economic productivity and number of jobs in a region, complementing existing government funds. Will fund projects that wouldn't

otherwise meet nationally oriented criteria, but are valuable from a regional and community perspective.

7. Five strategic priorities for investment have been established for the Fund:
 - a. *jobs and sustainable economic development* - support increased jobs and sustainable economic development over the long term, particularly in regions and sub-regions where unemployment is high and there are significant social challenges.
 - b. *social inclusion and participation* - support increased social inclusion through effective training, work preparation and support that enables more people to fully participate in work and society.
 - c. *Māori development* - enable Māori to realise their full potential through greater participation in all aspects of the economy.
 - d. *climate change and environmental sustainability* - supporting opportunities for New Zealand to achieve its climate change commitments and encourage more sustainable and productive use of land, water, and other resources.
 - e. *Resilience* - increasing regional and national resilience by improving critical infrastructure and focusing on opportunities to grow and diversify our exports and economy.
8. Senior Regional Officials are delegated up to \$1 million to approve applications. Ministers of Regional Economic Development, Economic Development, Finance and relevant portfolio minister/s can approve applications from \$1-10 million, with Cabinet approval required for those above \$10 million.
9. A summary of the Provincial Growth Fund is attached as Appendix 1.
10. Officials from the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) have been invited to the next Chief Executives Forum on 30 April to discuss the Provincial Growth Fund and the application process.

1 Billion Trees

11. Details on the 1 Billion Trees Programme are still being determined by Government, led by MPI. Estimates suggest that up to 1 million hectares would be required, using a mix of exotic and native tree species, to meet the goal of planting 1 billion trees over the next 10 years.
12. A range of options are being explored, including:
 - a. using Crown land for planting
 - b. entering into joint ventures or leases to plant privately owned blocks

- c. providing incentives for planting
 - d. considering the role of innovation in enabling planting
 - e. looking at options to scale up some native regeneration projects.
13. Environment Canterbury is undertaking a high-level assessment of what opportunities the 1 Billion Trees Programme presents for Canterbury, and have had initial discussions with MPI about the programme. Environment Canterbury would welcome any thoughts, and whether any Councils are investigating planting opportunities.

Tourism Infrastructure Fund

14. Hon Kelvin Davis, Minister of Tourism, recently announced that the 2018 round of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) will be open for applications in April (exact dates to be confirmed). Minister Davis wrote to interested parties, including Canterbury Mayors, on 20 March.
15. Round two of the TIF will continue to focus on prioritising projects that demonstrate immediate need for additional visitor-related public infrastructure to meet current visitor demand. An additional priority area has been added for this next round, for applications that are able to demonstrate innovative approaches to the sustainability of the investment.
16. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum is again prepared to support applications to the TIF. Councils looking at making applications should inform the Regional Forums secretariat of any intention to make applications.

Climate Change

17. The Productivity Commission is due to release a draft report on its enquiry regarding transitioning to a low emissions economy by the end of April 2018. Submissions will be sought. The Climate Change Working Group has been keeping a watching brief on developments with the enquiry.
18. Consultation on options for the Zero Carbon Bill, including targets and role of a Climate Change Commission, is expected to start in June-July 2018. This will be overseen by the Interim Climate Change Committee (appointments to the committee are yet to be announced). The Interim Climate Change Committee will also be looking at whether to include agricultural emissions as part of the Emissions Trading Scheme.
19. This is a key initiative from the Labour-Greens Confidence and Supply Agreement, which aims to reduce New Zealand's carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. It is expected that the Zero Carbon Bill will be introduced into parliament before the end of 2018.
20. The Policy Forum may like to direct the Climate Change Working Group to provide advice and co-ordinate a regional submission on the Productivity Commission's draft report and/or on options for the Zero Carbon Bill.

21. Further discussion on the Climate Change Working Group will occur in item 8.

***Mycoplasma bovis* response**

22. On 26 March, MPI announced plans to cull all cattle on farms confirmed to contain the disease *Mycoplasma bovis*. At the time of the announcement, 28 properties had been confirmed with having the disease with approximately 22,300 cattle to be culled.

23. Nationwide testing of milk has increased confidence that the disease is not widespread. The culling of cattle on infected properties is a critical measure to control the spread of *Mycoplasma bovis*, with a decision on whether full eradication is feasible to be made in due course.

24. Recognising the impact on affected farmers, MPI is also increasing the capacity of its compensation team to ensure any claims for compensation of verifiable losses under the Biosecurity Act are processed in a fair and timely manner.

25. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum wrote to Biosecurity Minister, Hon Damian O'Connor, on 21 March, expressing concerns around the *Mycoplasma bovis* response. The announcement above does help address the concerns raised by Mayors, who continue to watch developments in this area.

26. Further information can be found on the MPI website here:

<http://mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/mycoplasma-bovis/>

Resource Management Act - National Planning Standards

27. The proposed National Planning Standards are due to be notified in May 2018, with the submission period being open for 10 weeks. This formal submission period follows previous engagement on key components of the proposed first set of proposed National Planning Standards in mid-2017, as well as a pre-submission testing phase with select councils and a Māori reference group.

28. Discussion areas during the engagement phase included district plan structure, structure of regional plans and policy statements, formatting of plans and policy statements, zones and overlays, definitions, metrics, general provisions, plan mapping standards, and electronic functionality and accessibility of plans.

Tax Working Group

29. The Government established the Tax Working Group to examine further improvements to the structure, fairness, and balance of the tax system, as well as exploring the major challenges, risks, and opportunities facing the tax system over the next decade and beyond. The Group is chaired by Hon Sir Michael Cullen and is supported by a secretariat of officials from the Treasury and Inland Revenue.

30. The Tax Working Group is seeking public submissions on a range of issues that the Group considers important to its work. These include:

- a. purposes and principles of a good tax system
- b. the current New Zealand tax system
- c. the results of the current tax system
- d. the future environment
- e. thinking outside the current system
- f. specific challenges, such as housing affordability, Capital Gains, and taxes for positive environmental outcomes.

31. Public submissions will inform the Group's consideration of proposals for improving the tax system. A submissions background paper was released on 14 March, with public submissions open until 30 April. More information can be found at: <https://taxworkinggroup.govt.nz/>

Transport

32. The Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) 2018 is currently under development. Officials from the Ministry of Transport are seeking to engage on the draft GPS with key stakeholders in April/May 2018, which will include the Canterbury and South Island Regional Transport Committees.

Water initiatives

33. We are still waiting on details regarding the approach to a number of water-related Government initiatives, including:
- a. National Policy Statement for Freshwater
 - b. progress of the 3 Waters review
 - c. outcomes from the Havelock North drinking water enquiry

Attachments

- Provincial Growth Fund summary

Provincial Growth Fund

Priorities

The Provincial Growth Fund will lift productivity potential in the provinces. Its priorities are to enhance economic development opportunities, create sustainable jobs, enable Māori to reach their full potential, boost social inclusion and participation, build resilient communities, and help meet New Zealand's climate change targets.

Investment tiers

The Fund has three investment tiers which will deliver these priorities:



Regional projects and capability
Supporting initiatives for economic development, feasibility studies and capability building.



Sector Investment (Including the One Billion Trees programme)
Investing in initiatives targeted at priority and/or high value economic opportunities.



Enabling Infrastructure projects
Investing in regional infrastructure projects that will lift productivity and grow jobs.

Oversight

The Fund will be overseen by a core group of Regional Economic Development Ministers. The group will monitor the Fund's performance and discuss regional opportunities.

To support the Fund's implementation two new groups will be established – a Regional Economic Development Unit in the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and an Independent Advisory Panel. The Unit will be responsible for

leading the Fund's design, its administration and monitoring its operation in consultation with other government agencies.

The Panel will provide independent advice on sector projects and the balance of the portfolio of investments.

The type of project and scale of investment will determine how funding is approved – whether senior government officials or Ministers.

Criteria for all tiers

Projects will be assessed against criteria organised around four themes:

- **Link to Fund and government outcomes** – The project should lift the productivity potential of a region or regions, and contribute to other Fund objectives. This includes jobs, community benefits, and improved use of Māori assets, sustainability of natural assets, and mitigating and adapting to climate change.
- **Additionality** – The project needs to add value by building on what is there already and not duplicating existing efforts. The project also needs to generate clear public benefit.
- **Connected to regional stakeholders and frameworks** – Projects should fit in with agreed regional priorities and need to be discussed with relevant local stakeholders.
- **Governance, risk management and project execution** – Projects will need to be supported by good project processes and those involved should have the capacity and capability to deliver the project. Projects need to be sustainable in the longer term beyond the Fund's life.

Surge regions

All provinces are eligible for funding (outside the three main cities). However, these regions have been identified as needing early investment:



How to apply

Projects will be assessed to ensure investment fits with their scale and risk profile. The overall package of investments will be tracked to ensure strategic fit. Individual projects need to support and build on one another.

There are no application rounds for the Fund. Go to www.mbie.govt.nz for more information or email PGF@mbie.govt.nz for details on how to apply and what the criteria will be for your application.

Date: 6 April 2018

Presented by: Simon Fraser, Secretariat, Canterbury Mayoral Forums

Immigration and International Education

Purpose

1. This paper provides the Policy Forum with a draft discussion paper on immigration and international education that has been prepared for the Mayoral Forum.

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

1. **note the contents of this paper.**

Background

2. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum identified immigration and international education as its top priority for engaging with Central Government in 2018. Attached is a draft discussion document, prepared by the Secretariat, for engaging with ministers and officials on the topic.
3. This discussion paper has been prepared in consultation with the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce, ChristchurchNZ and BusinessNZ to advocate for policy settings that will work for Canterbury and the South Island, as well as for New Zealand as a whole, over the long term.
4. Hon Iain Lees-Galloway, Minister of Immigration, has accepted an invitation to meet with members of the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce on Monday 23 April to give an overview of the Government's priorities in the immigration, ACC and workplace relations portfolios. Canterbury Mayors will receive an invitation to this event.
5. It is proposed that a Canterbury Delegation meets with Ministers and officials in Wellington soon while new immigration policy options are still under development. The delegation will consist of representatives from the Mayoral Forum, ChristchurchNZ, Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce, and University of Canterbury.
6. The attached discussion document was circulated to Canterbury Mayors and Chief Executives on 28 March.

Attachments

- *Attachment withheld under LGOIMA s17(d)*

Date: 6 April 2018

Presented by: Bill Bayfield / Suzette van Aswegen

‘Mackenzie Basin - opportunities for agency alignment’ report

Purpose

1. This paper provides you with the *Mackenzie Basin: opportunities for agency alignment* report, commissioned by the Chief Executives from Mackenzie and Waitaki District Councils, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and Department of Conservation (DOC) and led by Environment Canterbury.

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

1. **note** that the Chief Executives of Environment Canterbury, Mackenzie District Council, Waitaki District Council, DOC and LINZ, commissioned this report to explore how the agencies could better align their work in the Mackenzie Basin
2. **note** that the five agencies have formed a working group to investigate the 25 recommended actions and will be reporting to Chief Executives in late April / early May with recommendations for their implementation.

Background

2. In June 2017, the five agencies commissioned John Hutchings (HenleyHutchings) and Dr Hugh Logan to identify opportunities for greater agency alignment in the Mackenzie Basin.
3. The purpose of the report is to improve agency effectiveness and strategic focus, achieve better environmental outcomes and to improve capacity to meet the needs and interests of the Basin’s communities, stakeholders and rūnanga.

Report recommendations

4. The report recommends 25 actions which fall into three categories:
 - a. collaboration between the five agencies
 - b. agencies working with others
 - c. larger policy and/or process challenges.

5. The authors advise the first two categories can be addressed by the agencies either collectively or individually. The third category comprises four more complex actions with direct interface with the Mackenzie community and other interested parties. These four actions are:
 - a. working with the Mackenzie Trust to help it be a successful community initiative
 - b. progressing a Mackenzie Drylands Natural Heritage Area, with an important pre-condition of completing and implementing a Crown Strategy for the future of tenure review and lease-holder discretionary consents to be applied in the Basin
 - c. deciding the desired form and extent of spatial planning for the Basin
 - d. supporting the Waitaki District Plan review with the objective of aligning it with the Regional Land and Water Plan and the Mackenzie District Plan.
6. Some of the recommendations are agency operational matters and should be relatively straightforward to implement. Others are more significant and complex and will need governors' advice and decision making to progress.

Progress to date

7. Chief Executives, with support from their respective governance bodies, engaged with the Mackenzie community, Ngāi Tahu and Environmental NGOs in March to share the contents of the report, seek views on prioritising the recommendations and understand which recommendations people/organisations would like to be involved taking forward.
8. The five agencies are working together to assess the feasibility, benefits, outcomes and implications of resourcing, to begin implementation of the report's recommendations.

Attachments

- ['Mackenzie Basin – opportunities for agency alignment' – report.](#)

Date: 6 April 2018

Presented by: Stefanie Rixecker

Climate Change working group – annual work programme

Purpose

1. This paper seeks your approval of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group's 2018 calendar year work programme.

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

1. **approves the attached annual work programme for the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group**
2. **agrees to support the delivery of the work programme**
3. **approves the terms of reference as confirmed by the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group.**

Key points

2. The Canterbury Climate Change Working Group is considering a wide range of matters as part of our brief to progress consideration and planning for the Canterbury region to adapt to and mitigate climate change.
3. Our proposed work programme includes three action areas:
 - Action Area One: Knowledge regarding climate change
 - Action Area Two: Community resilience
 - Action Area Three: Hazards, sea level rise and flooding.
4. The main risk to the delivery of work programme is not meeting agreed timeframes. We propose to mitigate this risk, with your support, by working in a prioritised way and by establishing close working relationships with other groups such as the Natural Hazard and Risk Reduction Working Group to deliver the action areas as efficiently as possible.

Background

5. The Canterbury Climate Change Working Group was formed in May 2017 to progress the consideration and planning of Canterbury to adapt to, and mitigate climate change. We are tasked with developing a shared understanding of the likely implications of climate change for the region, and strategies to manage the associated threats and opportunities. It is also our mandate to support the provision of consistent information and advice about climate change to the community.
6. The Canterbury Climate Change Working Group reports to you, the Canterbury Policy Forum, and is made up of representatives from most Canterbury councils. Members occupy a range of roles at their organisations including in communications, infrastructure management, policy, planning and science. At this stage, Waitaki, Waimate and Kaikōura District Councils are not represented in the Group due to their priorities and staff availability. We will continue to connect these councils to our work by regularly updating the Policy Forum which is attended by their representatives.
7. The Canterbury Climate Change Working Group has the privilege to have Ronnie Cooper as a member, as the representative for Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the iwi authority for the tangata whenua of Waitaha/Canterbury. This reflects the level of interest by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu in climate change issues.

Operation of the Working Group since its inception

8. The Canterbury Climate Change Working Group has met twice – on 9 October 2017 and 5 March 2018. Details of these meetings are contained in Appendix 1.
9. The Terms of Reference of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group are currently in draft form. We confirmed we agreed with their content at our first meeting. We invite the Policy Forum to confirm them as the final terms of reference, Attachment 1.

2018 Work Programme

10. A workshop was held at our 5 March meeting to develop a 2018 Work Programme, run by an external facilitator, Barbara Nicholas. We considered the key matters our organisations are facing that are impacted by climate change and the potential impacts of climate change. We grouped these matters into themes and agreed with actions to support them. Our 2018 work programme will focus around three action areas:

Work Programme Action Area One: Knowledge regarding climate change

11. We agreed that we will work on developing information and knowledge regarding climate change, focusing on a range of topics, including:
 - local impacts of climate change on infrastructure
 - to inform business cases
 - the effects of changing weather.

12. We will particularly focus on developing information useful for decision-makers within member organisations, including governors and management. Group members noted that there are differing levels of understanding and opinions about climate change within their organisations.

Work Programme Action Area Two: Community Resilience

13. Our second area of focus will be on developing resources to support community resilience. An initial thought was to produce a brochure of '5 things for citizens to do to make the community resilient'. We want to support our communities to work to prepare for climate change without feeling helpless, so we wish to support public awareness and personal responsibility.

Work Programme Action Area Three: Hazards, sea level rise and flooding

14. Our last area of focus is on hazards, sea level rise and flooding. We will review and workshop central government guidance on sea-level rise. After this we will work more broadly on clarifying the roles and responsibilities for hazards, sea level rise and flooding and how these are shared.
15. The Working Group will work with the Natural Hazard and Risk Reduction Working Group to ensure our actions are aligned and work is shared, rather than duplicated. The connections in our work relate to the Natural Hazard and Risk Reduction Working Group's existing work programme the "Regional Approach to Managing Natural Hazard Risk". This work programme was developed prior to the creation of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group.
16. The "Regional Approach to Managing Natural Hazard Risk" work programme includes climate change as one aspect of natural hazard risk, so the delivery of their milestones will support the action areas of our work programme. We therefore will support the delivery of the objectives and milestones in the "Regional Approach to Managing Natural Hazard Risk" where they connect to climate change, rather than duplicating the work in our work programme.

Advancing the Work Programme

17. We now seek your agreement for delivery the Action Areas as allocated in the attached document. We will work together by phone and email on our work programme and report back at each quarterly meeting. We will also report to you at your next meeting in July.

Cost, compliance and communication

Financial implications

18. We intend to deliver the work programmes without dedicated regional funding. Each responsible agency will support the work programme with best efforts from their own organisation, connecting it to existing workstreams and leveraging resourcing.

Risk assessment

19. Local government is responsible for supporting community preparedness and risk-management of climate change impacts. The powers to do this are devolved to local government, under the principle of subsidiarity, as they are in the best place to understand what regional/district approach is most appropriate based on anticipated local changes. The proposed work programme supports this approach.
20. The key risk to the work programme is failure to meet deadlines. The Canterbury Climate Change Working Group will progress the action areas in a prioritised way. We will work with the Canterbury Risk Reduction Working Group and within our own organisations to support the work programme by combining action area deliverables with other deliverables wherever possible. Management support of the work programme will also ensure its timely delivery. We are therefore seeking your support for the action areas and the commitment detailed against them in the attached work programme.

Legal compliance

21. There are a range of legal compliance matters for councils to consider regarding climate change which impact their work on the Canterbury Climate Change work programme. More detail is contained in Appendix 2.

Significance and engagement

22. Currently no specific stakeholder engagement is required. However, the Community Resilience action area will involve community engagement and this approach will be planned and agreed with the Policy Forum when it is developed.

Communication

23. No communication approach is currently being developed. As noted above, any communication with the community to support our Community Resilience action will be agreed with the Policy Forum.

Next steps

24. With your agreement the Working Group will proceed with delivering the agreed work programme. We will meet again in June to review progress and present a paper updating the progress on our work programme at your July meeting.

Attachments

- Draft Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Climate Change Group
- 2018 Work Programme.

Appendix 1: Key points from first two meetings of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group

First meeting

Our first meeting was focused on a range of topics including:

- confirming our terms of reference
- discussing that we may prepare a Canterbury regional submission to the Productivity Commission inquiry into a Low-emissions Economy
- how our councils are incorporating climate change adaptation and mitigation in Long-Term Plans for 2018-28
- the possibility of electric vehicles as part of local government vehicle fleets
- agreeing a quarterly meeting schedule.

Second meeting

At our second meeting we dedicated the bulk of the time to a workshop to developing our 2018 work programme. This is detailed in the main body of the report.

The remainder of our meeting focused on:

- the Christchurch City Council representatives raised the issue of councils making infrastructure decisions during states of emergency
- noting there are differing views on whether member organisations would support a Regional submission to the Productivity Commission inquiry into a Low-emissions Economy
- considering the Zero Carbon Bill, as raised with the Convenor by Timaru District Council CEO Bede Carran, and agreeing to support the Policy Forum to make a submission
- agreeing that for upcoming meetings we will continue to use the workshop format with the possibility of hearing presentation from experts, and that they liked using an independent facilitator.

Appendix 2: Legal compliance and climate change

A key statute is the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). In Section 7 the RMA requires councils to have particular regard to matters related to climate change. Section 6 also requires councils to recognise and provide for “the management of significant risks from natural hazards” as a matter of national importance. We will work to support regional approaches to applying these aspects of the RMA.

For regional council’s the ‘particular regard to matters related to climate change’ is constrained by section 70A of the RMA. This section states that regional councils must not consider the impacts of greenhouse gases on climate change when making regional plan rules. This constraint means that some regional councils, including Environment Canterbury, restrict their council decision-making to supporting regional adaptation to the impacts of climate change. This contrasts with the Christchurch City Council who are actively working to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of their city and Waimakariri District Council who are advocating for a change in greenhouse gas accounting approaches in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme.

The Local Government Act 2002 does not have a specific reference to climate change. Taking climate change into consideration is however important as the planning timeframes support taking a considered approach to adapting to climate change and developing resilience. We will therefore also work to develop a regional approach to considering climate change in annual, long-term and infrastructure planning.

The last key piece of legislation for climate change impacts is the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002. The Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan will be reviewed in 2019. This review is an opportunity for us to work with the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group on incorporating consideration of climate change into the Plan. We will seek to partner with the Natural Hazard and Risk Reduction Working Group to support the review.

Terms of Reference

Canterbury Climate Change Working Group

As agreed by the Chief Executives Forum on 30 April 2018

Background and purpose

1. The Chief Executives Forum agreed to the formation of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group in May 2017 to progress thinking and planning across the region on adaptation to and mitigation of climate change.
2. The purpose of the Working Group is to develop a shared understanding of the likely implications of climate change for the region, and strategies to manage the associated threats and opportunities. The working group will also support the provision of consistent information and advice to the community.
3. The Working Group reports to the Canterbury Policy Forum and through that to the Chief Executives Forum. Through the Chief Executives Forum, the group will inform the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on the above work and associated key messages

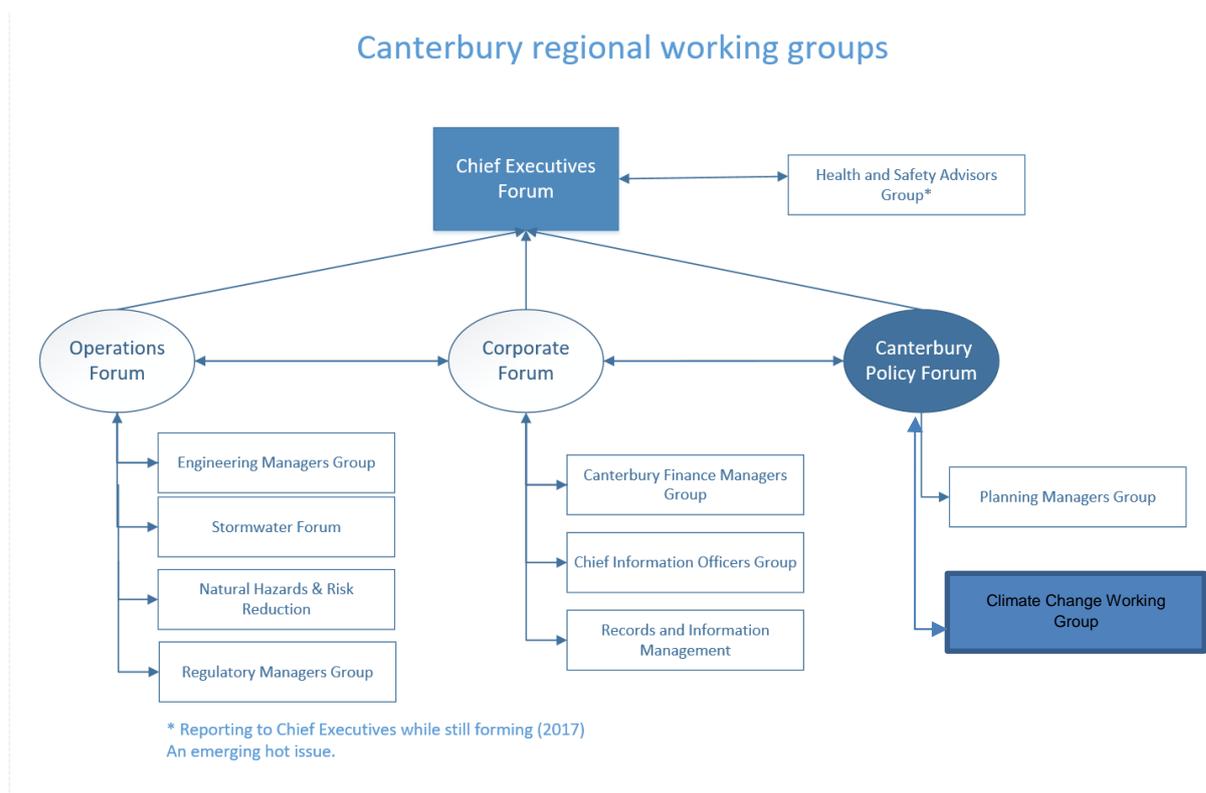


Figure 1: Proposed Climate Change Working Group reporting line

Scope

4. Matters subject to the Working Group's consideration include:
 - sharing resources and learning

- reinforcing networks and connections in the Climate Change space, and incorporating and adding to existing local, regional, and national work on climate change
- reaching common ground and having a common understanding of climate change science
- establishing regional perspectives on the implications of climate change
- alignment in policy, approach and communications across the region
- collective advocacy to Central Government and others
- identifying and addressing emerging threats and opportunities.

Membership and operation of the Forum

5. Membership will include one member from each Canterbury council and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, with up to two members from larger councils (Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council). Representatives will be able to engage and influence across their organisation on this complex and significant issue. They will represent a cross-organisation view on climate change.
6. Membership should ensure that there is organisational representation from both territorial authorities and the regional council. It should include contributions from across disciplines including at least two members from Engineering/Operations, Science, Communications and Policy.
7. The group may allocate an issue(s) to a sub-group(s), which may include other staff, or another appropriate collaborative grouping, to consider and develop a response(s). Sub-group(s) will periodically update the Climate Change Working Group.
8. The Chair of the Working Group will be appointed by either the Chair of the Canterbury Policy Forum.
9. The Chair is responsible for arranging secretariat support for the group, maintaining relationships and ensuring that the group is functioning under these Terms of Reference.
10. The Working Group will meet in person at least quarterly to:
 - refine the work programme to reflect feedback from Chief Executives and Mayoral Forum
 - report progress on Working Group work programme items, and review where necessary
 - allocate responsibility for items in the work programme
 - share knowledge and identify emerging opportunities and threats
 - determine any recommended changes in key messaging
11. The Working Group will maintain regular electronic exchanges to consider issues and monitor progress and to exchange ideas.
12. The Working Group Chair will ensure that the group's work programme is aligned with the Natural Hazards Risk Management working group.

13. The Working Group Chair shall report quarterly to the Canterbury Policy Forum.

Decision Making and Representation

14. The group has no decision-making ability. It will develop advice to be presented to the Canterbury Policy Forum for agreement to go to Chief Executives and the Mayoral Forum.

Changes to the Terms of Reference

15. The Working Group may recommend changes to the Terms of Reference to the Policy Forum, to be agreed by Chief Executives Forum.

16. The Policy Forum will review the Terms of Reference every three years for agreement by Chief Executives.

Attachment 1: Canterbury Climate Change 2018 Calendar Year Work Programme

Work Programme Action Area One: Knowledge regarding climate change

What is needed	What we will do	Who	By when
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on <i>local</i> impacts of changing weather on infrastructure (of all kinds – water supplies, drainage, flood control, roads etc) Useful in-house discussions on likely impacts leading to different ways of thinking/mindsets e.g infrastructure strategies and standards; circular economy; household as the planning unit for renewables (distributed infrastructure) 	Long-term: Develop a geospatial map for hotspots, with options, to assist with business cases and scenarios for different communities, recognising solutions will be different in different places	?	TBD
	First steps Investigate development of a Canterbury Maps Hazard Layer. TRONT offered expertise of their GIS staff member.	ECan/TRoNT	Update at next meeting
	First steps Connect to science challenge and the national climate model	ECan	Update at next meeting
	First steps Prepare an inventory of the information/reports on climate change impacts in Canterbury with a view to identifying gaps. Information to be science, social, cultural, methods for making/setting standards (e.g. floor heights) etc. Selwyn offered a report.	CCC	Update at next meeting
Data for business cases – not only engineering but also wider concerns e.g. mātauranga Maori, cultural, opportunities of innovations etc	Aspirational dashboard of what we need, for the Policy Forum and TRONT to promote. Linked to modelling and monitoring data.	ECan	Update at next meeting
Informed senior staff and elected officials, from basic information to more detailed knowledge.	Explore venues for talking with senior people and elected officials – Local Government New Zealand, Canterbury Policy Forum, Canterbury Mayoral Forum	All	On-going
	Share calendar of climate-change events, for wider distribution	ECan	On-going

Work Programme Action Area Two: Community Resilience

What is needed	What we will do	Who	By when
Information for community	Brochure of '5 things for citizens to do to make the community resilient' – with coaching about climate change as part of this (make connection with work of Sustainable Living Programme)	Ronnie, CCC, SDC	Draft to next meeting
	Share calendar of climate-change events, for wider distribution	ECan	On-going

Work Programme Action Area Three: Hazards, sea level rise and flooding

What is needed	What we will do	Who	By when
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional approach to implementing guidance from MFE and DOC. Define TA/regional council roles and responsibilities and how these are shared (cf. Regional approach to Natural hazard to managing natural hazard risk working group) 	Regional workshop on regional approach to implementing guidance from MFE and DOC	ECan	Update at next meeting

Report from:	Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) Working Group
Date:	28 March 2018
Presented by:	Tracy Tierney

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

- 1 Recommend the Terms of Reference of the Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement Working Group to the Chief Executives Forum.

Significant activities in this quarter <i>(see p 2 for detail)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First workshop was held on 27/3/18 which achieved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed the Terms of Reference - Agreed to a draft set of principles and approach to CME across Canterbury - Agreed the priorities for the work programme - Appointed leads to each key task in the work programme. <p>We have booked an interim conference call to check in with leads on their progress to mid-May, the whole working group will meet again on 28 June to review the recommendations from the leads and agree next steps.</p>
Contribution to Mayoral Forum three-year work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Issues / risks / opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None currently. These will be identified at the next forum meeting on 28 June.

Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) Working Group

Purpose	Establish regional consistency regarding principles and approach to compliance, monitoring and enforcement
Chair / Members	Tracy Tierney, Chair Jane Donaldson (Ashburton), Nick Daniels and James Tricker (Environment Canterbury), Tracy Tierney (Timaru), Andrew Brown (Hurunui), Mark Mitchell (Kaikoura via phone), Nick Harrison (Waimakariri), Leonie Rae (Christchurch), Tracey Weston (Christchurch), Sue Kelly (Waimate), Billy Charlton (Selwyn), Karina Morrow (Mackenzie), Tim Harris (Selwyn), Matt Hoggard (Kaikoura)

Work Programme 2017–18

What	Who	By when	Measures of success	Status
Agree a Canterbury wide Strategic Compliance Strategy based on the Regional Sector Framework and Draft MfE Best Practice Guidelines for CME	Tracy Tierney Leonie Rae	Recommendations 28 June	All TAs are signatories to the strategy	Initiated
Collate, share then agree standard best practice templates/processes to support the strategy to be implemented in each TA	Jane Donaldson	Recommendations 28 June	Agreed standard processes are adopted by all TAs	Initiated
Identify training and professional development opportunities that will support the key competencies required for effective CME implementation	Andrew Brown Tracey Weston	Recommendations 28 June	Agreed pathway for professional development of CME staff	Initiated
Develop a consistent approach and messaging for public education and communication across Canterbury	Mark Mitchell Billy Charlton	Recommendations 28 June	Consistent messaging our all websites, Canterbury wide public education programme	Initiated

Terms of Reference

Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement Working Group

As agreed by the Chief Executives Forum on XXXXXXXX

Background and Purpose

1. The Chief Executives Forum agreed to the formation of a regional Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) working group in May 2017 to share advice and guidance on compliance, monitoring and enforcement of environment law across the region.
2. The working group was formed in response to the findings of the Environment Defence Society Report (March 2017) *Last line of defence: Compliance, monitoring and enforcement of New Zealand's environmental law* (Marie Brown). The report encouraged councils to share resources and network with each other to build capability and share expertise in compliance, monitoring and enforcement of environmental law.
3. The Working Group reports to the Canterbury Policy Forum and through that to the Chief Executives Forum and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

Scope

1. Matters subject to the Working Group's consideration include:
 - establishing regional consistency regarding principles and approach to compliance, monitoring and enforcement
 - sharing advice, guidance, resources and training on compliance, monitoring and enforcement across the region
 - incorporating best practice approaches across the region
 - identifying and addressing emerging issues, risks, limitations and/or barriers.

Membership and Operation of the Working Group

1. Representatives will be able to engage and influence across their organisation, including elected members on this issue. Ideally, they will represent their organisation's compliance, monitoring and enforcement management function.
2. The group may allocate an issue(s) to a sub-group(s), which may include other staff, or another appropriate collaborative grouping, to consider and develop a response(s). Sub-group(s) should periodically update the Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement Working Group.
3. Annually, the group shall appoint a chair from its membership. The chair is eligible for reappointment.
4. The Chair is responsible for secretariat support for the group, maintaining relationships and ensuring that the group is functioning under these Terms of Reference.
5. The Working Group will meet in person at least quarterly to:
 - share knowledge and expertise, advise and guide councils in their compliance, monitoring and enforcement roles
 - refine the work programme to reflect feedback from the Chief Executives Forum and Canterbury Mayoral forum
 - report progress on working group work programme items, and review where necessary
 - allocate responsibility for items in the work programme.
6. The Working Group will maintain regular electronic exchanges to consider issues and monitor progress and to exchange ideas.
7. The Working Group Chair shall report quarterly to the Canterbury Policy Forum.

Decision Making and Representation

1. The group has no decision-making ability. It will develop advice and recommendations to be presented to the Canterbury Policy Forum for agreement to go to the Chief Executives Forum and/or the Mayoral Forum.

Changes to the Terms of Reference

1. The Working Group may recommend changes to the Terms of Reference to the Policy Forum, to be agreed by the Chief Executives Forum.
2. The Policy Forum will review the Terms of Reference at least every three years for agreement by the Chief Executives Forum.

Report from:	Canterbury Planning Managers Group
Date:	6 April 2018
Presented by:	Geoff Meadows

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Policy Forum:

- 1 **Notes** that the chairs of the Natural Hazard Risk Reduction working group (James Thompson), Climate Change working group (Stephanie Rixecker), and Planning Managers Group (Geoff Meadows) met on 16 March 2018 and agreed to work together on communications and information sharing, irrespective of reporting lines;
- 2 **Notes** the Canterbury Planning Managers Group's next meeting on 6 July 2018 is scheduled to engage DoC and LINZ to discuss regional and local approaches to biodiversity management in response to the LGNZ think-piece *Addressing NZ's Biodiversity Challenge*;
- 3 **Notes** the direction of travel with recent local government *Stormwater Drainage Bylaws* are moving at different speeds to achieve consistency with Plan Change 4 of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

Significant activities in this quarter (see p 2 for detail)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Canterbury response to the LGNZ think piece <i>Addressing NZ's Biodiversity Challenge</i>
Contribution to Mayoral Forum three-year work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the natural hazards risk reduction work plan and incorporating natural hazards into local authority planning regimes.
Issues / risks / opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a risk that the natural hazards risk reduction group work programme will lose momentum through uncertainty of resourcing of key tasks.

Canterbury Planning Managers Group (CPMG) - meeting of 9 March 2018

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support for a strong local government force on planning matters; • Reduce duplication of planning effort; • Support councils when assessing national and regional planning initiatives; • Practice working together in ways that support innovation, collaboration and joint initiatives.
Chair / Members	Chair, Geoff Meadows. Members, Planning Managers from the 10 Territorial Authorities and the Regional Council

- 1 A Biodiversity subgroup of the CPMG (terms of reference attached) held its inaugural meeting on 23 February 2018 and reported back to the CPMG on 9 March 2018. It was resolved that, in addressing NZ's biodiversity challenge, regional councils and territorial authorities needed to engage key central government agencies, particularly the Department of Conservation (DoC) and Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), and to this end, the next scheduled meeting of the CPMG will be dedicated to engaging DoC and LINZ to start developing a practical work plan to respond to the LGNZ think piece on Biodiversity.
- 2 Prior to the establishment of the Canterbury Operations Forum, the Natural Hazards Risk Reduction working group had a reporting relationship to the CPMG. With the latest iteration of the Canterbury Regional Forums and working groups of March 2018, it was not clear to Canterbury Planning Managers how they would be kept informed of the Natural Hazards Risk Reduction work programme, and how Planning Managers could ensure that the natural hazards work programme is delivered. The chairs of the Natural Hazard Risk Reduction working group (James Thompson), Climate Change working group (Stephanie Rixecker), and Planning Managers Group (Geoff Meadows) met on 16 March 2018 and agreed to work together on communications and information sharing, irrespective of reporting lines;
- 3 Recent local government *Stormwater Drainage Bylaws* have been publicly notified in response to Plan Change 4 of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, which shifts responsibility for consent of urban stormwater discharges from the Regional Council to Territorial Authorities by 2025. CPMG noted on 9 March 2018 that these bylaws are a tool to manage contaminants to waterways, and are an appropriate direction of travel towards the changes in the consent regime by 2025.

Work programme 2017–18

What	Who	By when	Measures of success	Status
Engagement with industry and peak bodies	CPMG	June 2018	Engaged with Aggregate and Quarry Association, Fonterra, NZTA, Kiwi Rail, Forest and Bird, and AF8 in 2017/18	Completed
Development of Canterbury response to the LGNZ think piece <i>Addressing NZ's Biodiversity Challenge</i>	CPMG	December 2018	Cogent Regional response and practical action plan	Work-in-progress
Regional response to National Planning Standards	Individual pilot Councils	Consultation period still to be decided by Minister	Responses to MfE submitted	Pending
NES for Plantation Forestry and District Plan alignment	Councils undertaking District Plan reviews	1 May 2018	Recognition of NES - PF in District Plan reviews	Work-in-progress

Notes from CPMG Biodiversity Sub-Group meeting on 23 Feb 2018

Attendees:

Kate Hunt - Kaikoura DC
 Max Crowe, Cherylyn Byron - Waitaki DC
 Geoff Meadows – Waimakariri DC
 Jesse Burgess, Andy Spanton, Sean Burton - Selwyn DC
 Sam Leonard, Chris Keeling (convenor) - ECan

Apologies:

Ian Hyde – Ashburton DC

Agenda for the meeting:

1. Context - brief overview of the challenges & Gerard Willis' recommended key shifts (Chris)
2. The purpose of the subgroup and what actions we take (All)
3. Next steps (All)

Notes

1. Overview of key shifts and challenges	ACTIONS
<p>Five key shifts recommended in the Gerard Willis report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger leadership and clearer lines of accountability • Building on what regional councils do best • Better information for better management • Planning and delivering joined up action • Modern, fit for purpose frameworks <p>Also context for Canterbury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political buy-in - BioD has typically been seen as something that is negative • Highly modified environment on the plains • Lack of data • Regulation on its own doesn't work <p>Further discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confine the conversation to what we're talking about - public or private land. Private land for us. • Councils not clear on roles and priorities. What are we focussing on and what should we be focussing on? Reflect on national priorities as well as our regional and local priorities. • Clearance going on in the high country - sense of urgency. • Other agencies processes, e.g. LINZ giving consents contrary to SDC rules • We need good connections with other agencies at political, senior management and staff level 	
<p>2. Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rather than a submission response to Gerard's report, this is about building a Canterbury-specific approach 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should our approach be? How do we build a good biodiversity programme at a regional and district level AND implement it? • Work programme is need to drive this work along • How can ECan help TAs to undertake their roles? • Report through to Policy Forum on a regular basis and push to get the conversation up to Mayoral Forum • Reviewing District Plans - get priorities through Working Group to start to inform ourselves and understand what we're all focussing on 	
<p>3. Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference for subgroup. • Planning managers (6 July) - DOC and LINZ, Geoff Ensor (Director of public/private partnerships @ DOC). DOCs new direction and priorities? • Conversation within our own organisations to tee up for DOC/LINZ - next Planning Managers. • F&B, F&G + others in for a session to hear their perspectives. • Councils not clear on roles and priorities. What are we focussing on and what should we be focussing on? Reflect on national priorities and gather info on local priorities through plan review processes • The Group agreed to monthly meetings. 	<p>CHRIS to draft and report to CPMG on 9 March</p> <p>CHRIS to initiate contact with DOC and LINZ to tee up for 6 July meeting</p> <p>GEOFF to get this on CPMG agenda for AM on 6 July</p> <p>TBC – possible future CPMG meeting</p> <p>CHRIS/SAM to provide overview of existing national priorities as starting point</p> <p>CHRIS to book in reoccurring meetings</p>

Canterbury Planning Managers Group: Biodiversity sub-group

Terms of Reference

1.1 Introduction

In a climate of ongoing biodiversity decline, biodiversity has become an increasing area of interest for Local and Central Government. Both the regional council and territorial authorities have key roles across freshwater, marine (regional council) and terrestrial (TA) biodiversity, with a particular focus on private land.

The current approach is not working. There is a need for a fresh look at how Local Government and partners address biodiversity and halt the ongoing decline.

This document describes the terms of reference for the Group.

1.2 Purpose

The Biodiversity sub-group was formed to discuss and drive action on biodiversity-related issues, with an initial focus on identifying an approach to biodiversity management that works at both regional and local scales.

Immediate objectives to be completed by December 2018 are:

1. Identify national, regional and local priorities
2. Identify, assess and recommend a preferred approach to biodiversity for Canterbury
3. Engage senior leaders and governors through the Policy Forum and Mayoral Forum

1.3 Accountability

One of the key components of the Group is facilitating information sharing and action. It is critical that each member organisation commits time and resource, as necessary, to achieve the actions that the group decides. This will be captured in a shared work programme to ensure that actions are undertaken.

1.4 Administration

Environment Canterbury will convene meetings, providing an agenda and taking notes.

1.5 Frequency of Meetings

Meeting dates will be as agreed to by the Group. Initially, the Group will meet every month. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

1.6 Review period

This Terms of Reference will be reviewed and updated initially every six months for the first year of the Groups operation. This will ensure the TOR reflect the way the Group is operating as it matures.

Date: 6 April 2018

Presented by: Caroline Hart, Environment Canterbury

Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

Purpose

- 1 This paper was provided to the Canterbury Chief Executives and Mayoral Forum in February and March 2018 to give an update on region-wide progress towards implementing the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS).

Recommendations

That the Policy Forum:

- 1 **report progress towards implementing the CWMS in each district and across the region and discuss current challenges and opportunities**

Key points

- 2 Water management remains a hot topic for Canterbury. 2018 began with CWMS committees welcoming new members and working on full agendas and key topics, Councils releasing important water decisions for public consultation through the LTP process, and often-emotive water topics in the media on a regular basis across the region.
- 3 A variety of water-related events, conferences and symposiums are scheduled for 2018.

Regional and Zone Committee updates

- 4 The Canterbury Water Management Zone and Regional Committees started the 2018 year with 14 new community members among them, and 11 members reappointed. Specific topics for focus in the first part of 2018 include:
 - the **Kaikōura and Hurunui Zone Committees** are working on three projects funded by Ministry of Primary Industry Earthquake Recovery grants (\$800,000). The projects help farmers re-evaluate their farming practices through research into earthquake effects on and beneath their land. In Kaikōura the effects of the State Highway and Kiwi Rail repairs on waterways and the coast have been closely monitored and there were no non-compliance issues.
 - as part of its sub-regional plan process, **Waimakariri Zone Committee** is considering the results of a scientific investigation that found low levels of 'nitrate-nitrogen' in aquifers and wells in Kaiapoi, Belfast and northern Christchurch.
 - the **Christchurch West Melton and Banks Peninsula Zone Committees** are involved with work to develop the Whakaraupo/Lyttelton Harbour Catchment Management Plan (led by the Partners Governance Group and due for launch in March), and work to ensure that water quality standards are met through the new

National Environmental Standard for forestry, especially for areas affected by the Port Hills fires in February 2017.

- the **Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora (OTOP)** zone committee is seeking feedback on its Draft Zone Implementation Programme Addendum that recommends environmental limits and practical actions to protect and improve freshwater quality in the zone. Roadshows were held between 30 January and 21 February.
- Environment Canterbury is working on a system for improved collection and reporting on the practical projects being worked on in each zone. This CWMS update will increasingly include better data and updates enabled by the new system.

Ministry for the Environment update

- 5 Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, the Selwyn District Council and the Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee hosted Hon. David Parker (Minister for the Environment, Trade and Export, and Economic Development) and officials on a day-long field trip to Te Waihora on 16 January 2018. The Minister heard Ngāi Tahu's perspective on the significance of Te Waihora, and discussed with the different parties the vision, practical work, efforts to restore the lake's mauri, and implications of Resource Management Act (RMA) rules on farming operations in the catchment. It was a positive trip and the Minister reported that he found it worthwhile and gave him a lot to think about.
- 6 The Minister and Ministry officials requested pieces of work during their visit and we pulled together responses to reach him late February. We hope this will inform his thinking around any changes to the RMA and the proposed National Planning Standards. We understand he is likely to provide direction to the Ministry on these matters in April 2018.

Environment Canterbury updates

Draft Long-Term Plan 2018–2028

- 7 Environment Canterbury's **draft Long Term Plan 2018–2028** was out for public consultation from 26 February to 26 March, with hearings scheduled for 30 April, 1 and 2 May leading to adoption by council on 21 June 2018. The Long-Term Plan (LTP) reflects the council's strategic priorities of freshwater management and indigenous biodiversity.
- 8 For the CWMS Portfolio, there is increased focus on implementation of the Land and Water Regional Plan in the form of support for individuals to meet compliance with new farming rules. Resources have been shifted to provide three cultural land advisors and two land management advisors and increased support for the Farm Environment Plan Audit Programme.
- 9 The LTP proposes to change the current region-wide targeted rate for the CWMS to a region-wide general rate for Freshwater Management. We have assigned resources to improve the monitoring of river flows, specifically those connected to irrigation takes, and provided additional support to manage the increased data from water users. This increased monitoring will help provide better information to manage the water resource and deliver on CWMS targets.

Farm Environment Plans

- 10 A key part of ensuring compliance with the Land and Water Regional Plan is Environment Canterbury's current focus on Farm Environment Plans (FEP). Under the Land and Water Regional Plan, 3,800 agricultural farms in Canterbury are required to have their FEP audited as part of their consent or as part of their irrigation scheme's consent conditions. For each farm, the FEP is independently audited to check that risks are managed and Good Management Practices are applied to minimise impacts on water quality. Work is underway to help farmers develop and implement their FEPs and as such, Environment Canterbury approved Fonterra's farm environment plan template in January 2018 and supported Beef and Lamb New Zealand's free workshop in January to help farmers complete their Farm Environment Plan.

Braided rivers

- 11 Environment Canterbury has initiated a project (the BRIDGE project) to work with Territorial Authorities, CWMS committees and communities to provide certainty on the extent of braided river beds (and subsequently the areas of respective responsibilities of Environment Canterbury and territorial authorities). The project involves identifying the range of values within braided river environments. It is expected this process will develop the content and pre-notification process for a likely plan change (Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan) notification in June 2019.

Canterbury Drinking Water Reference Group

- 12 The Government's report on the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry: Stage 2 was made publicly available on 6 December 2017. The report recommends urgent and early actions to prevent recurrences of an outbreak of waterborne disease in water supplies throughout New Zealand. The Government is currently considering the recommendations. In the meantime, the Ministry of Health has made it very clear that councils need to act now rather than wait until they are directed to make safety improvements.
- 13 The Canterbury Drinking Water Reference Group (made up of representatives from Environment Canterbury, all Canterbury councils and the Canterbury District Health Board Medical Officer of Health) has reviewed the recommendations and is continuing to share local knowledge and expertise around water supply issues in the Canterbury region. This has assisted local authorities and the Canterbury District Health Board to review and implement the recommendations that provide immediate improvement. It is intended that this collaborative way of working on drinking water will become business as usual.

Territorial Authority updates

- 14 Environment Canterbury asked the Mayoral Forum for advice on how best to gather information for this section. The Mayoral Forum advised that Environment Canterbury should work with the Territorial Authorities to get updates for each CWMS committee.

Community feedback

- 15 A **Community survey on waterways** has been undertaken by the Christchurch City Council. Over 400 people took part, and nearly 60% said Christchurch waterways were

in poor or very poor health. Only 55% of respondents said they knew where storm water went once it entered the drain network. The majority said they were prepared to make lifestyle changes and/or take part in waterways clean-up activities. Next steps involve working with smaller groups to identify activities and behaviours that will best achieve improvements to the health of waterways. Full results can be found at <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/environment/water/waterways/>

In the news

Cyanobacteria warnings

- 16 Cyanobacteria warnings have been in the news over the summer, but Environment Canterbury has not issued more warnings than in previous years. Saltwater Creek is the only 'new' site that is not one of the regular cyanobacteria warning sites, caused by very low rainfall during November that resulted in very low water levels and very warm water temperatures.
- 17 Environment Canterbury continues to fund research into the drivers of cyanobacteria blooms regionally, and is involved in a national working party looking into the ramifications and rationale of including benthic cyanobacteria as one of the National Policy Statement attributes.
- 18 Environment Canterbury continues to work with Community and Public Health and Territorial Authorities to inform the community about the risk of cyanobacteria through its contact recreation program.
- 19 A late media release for the warning in South Canterbury was discussed in the media in January, caused by a Community and Public Health staff member being on leave. The warning system is under review to ensure no further issues.

Chlorination of Christchurch's drinking water

- 20 Chlorination of Christchurch's drinking water was in the media in January after Canterbury's Medical Officer of Health Alistair Humphrey recommended to the Christchurch City Council that drinking water should be temporarily treated while well heads are fixed. City Councillors voted to temporarily chlorinate the water from the end of March 2018.

Current challenges and opportunities

- 21 For verbal discussion.

Meetings and events

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Date/Location	Event	Relevance to CWMS/Event summary
4–5 Apr 2018 Wellington	Our Land and Water Symposium: The Way Forward, Te Arā Whakamua	The CWMS relies on and utilises up-to-date research and science. The discussion will focus on results from research to date and on what land and water science is needed in the future.
9 Apr 2018 Christchurch	Canterbury Water Management Strategy's WaterShed 2018 (for CWMS Zone Committee members)	Event dedicated to celebrating the achievements of the first seven years of the CWMS, sharing smart solutions and encouraging fresh thinking.
15–17 Jul 2018 Christchurch	Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual Conference	Details to come
1–2 Aug 2018 Auckland	Environmental Defence Society (EDS) Conference	Details to come