

MINUTES (in Review)

CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM



Name:	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
Date:	Friday, 28 November 2025
Time:	8:30 am to 1:10 pm (NZDT)
Location:	Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Burnside, Christchurch
Board Members:	Nigel Bowen, Marie Black, Craig Rowley, Craig Mackle, Dan Gordon, Phil Mauger, Lydia Gliddon, Dr Deon Swiggs, Melanie Tavendale, Liz McMillan, Scott Aronsen
Attendees:	Hamish Dobbie, Hamish Riach, Angela Oosthuizen, Mary Richardson, Nigel Trainor, Dr Stefanie Rixecker, Stuart Duncan, Will Doughty, Maree McNeilly, Amelia Wilkins, Ann Fitzgerald, Sharon Mason
Apologies:	Alex Parmley, Jeff Millward
Guests/Notes:	Simon Hart, Waimakariri District Council (for Jeff Millward), Jesse Burgess, Canterbury Regional Council (Items 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6); Paul Barker and Warren Ulusele, Department of Internal Affairs (Item 5.1)

1. Open Meeting

1.1 Welcome, karakia and apologies

Hamish Dobbie, as Chair of the Chief Executives Forum, welcomed participants to the meeting, particularly the new members around the table, noting that he will lead the first part of the meeting until the Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum is elected.

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

Apologies from Chief Executives Alex Parmley and Jeff Millward were noted. Simon Hart, Waimakariri District was welcomed to cover for Jeff.

1.2 Confirmation of agenda

The agenda was confirmed as presented with one item of general business – Simplifying Local Government A draft proposal.

1.3 Minutes from the previous meeting

Canterbury Mayoral Forum 22 Aug 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Decision

The minutes of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum meeting held on 22 August 2025 were confirmed as presented.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Marie Black
Seconder: Nigel Bowen
Outcome: Approved

1.4 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
30 Jun 2025	Action Status: On Hold	Maree McNeilly
30 Jun 2025	Action Status: On Hold	Maree McNeilly
30 Jun 2025	Action Status: On Hold	Nigel Bowen
3 Nov 2025	Action Status: In Progress	Regional Forums Secretariat

2. For discussion and decision

2.1 Selection of chair and deputy chair



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. agreed to use the first past-the-post voting procedure for the selection of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum
2. agreed that, in the event of a tie between the highest polling candidates, a coin toss will determine the successful candidate

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Craig Rowley
Seconder: Melanie Tavendale
Outcome: Approved



Decision

That Nigel Bowen be appointed Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum for the 2025-2028 triennium.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Dan Gordon
Seconder: Marie Black
Outcome: Approved



Decision

That Marie Black be appointed Deputy Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum for the 2025-2028 triennium.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Dan Gordon
Seconder: Phil Mauger
Outcome: Approved

Hamish Dobbie, Chair of the Chief Executive Forum, led the nomination process for the selection of the Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

Following Mayor Nigel Bowen's appointment to Chair, he took over the meeting and led the process for the selection of the Deputy Chair.

2.2 Introduction to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Hamish Dobbie, Chair of the Chief Executives Forum, introduced the paper providing a brief introduction to the Mayoral Forum, and noting the Forum is the key mechanism to implement the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement.

Discussion noted:

- the Forum has and can continue to operate as an effective and collective voice for the region. The success of regional advocacy against proposed changes to rural policing in Canterbury was noted as an example
- continuing the Forum's regional advocacy role with central government is critical, particularly given the recently announced local government reform, anticipated rates capping, resource management reform, and the 2026 central government elections
- that members speak in their own right at the Mayoral Forum, as leaders for Canterbury
- the recent make-up of the Minister for the South Island's regional groups that has Canterbury split between 3 groups is likely a reflection that the Minister wishes to engage with smaller groups at this point, rather than any signal of proposed local government boundary changes
- it is important that the Mayoral Forum continue to work together to identify and lobby for priorities across the region.



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. noted the role and mandate of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025

Mover: Nigel Bowen

Seconder: Craig Mackle

Outcome: Approved

2.3 Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement

Hamish Dobbie, Chair of the Chief Executives Forum, introduced the draft Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement for 2025-2028, noting that this needs to be ratified by member councils before 1 March 2026.

The draft Agreement includes the Terms of Reference for the Mayoral Forum and mandates the Mayoral Forum as the primary mechanism for implementing the Agreement in Canterbury and mandates the Chief Executives and other regional forums and working groups.

It was noted that the only change from the 2022-2025 Agreement is a change to the terms of reference that following ratification, the Mayoral Forum will extend an invitation to the Chairs of the ten Waitaha Papatipu Rūnanga to meet at least annually with the Forum.

Discussion included:

- queries around whether a review of the five forums is needed in light of the reforms to local government. CEs acknowledged this was discussed at their meeting in November and it was considered that the balance was right, however noted that the settings may have changed as a result of the recent proposal from central government to simplify local government and the resource management legislation that is to be introduced
- noting that not only do the regional forums fulfill the Mayoral Forum's work programme and priorities, they provide a mechanism for staff to connect on regionally significant matters. The incidental benefit is collegiality, networking, and a healthy debate of views
- the Chair indicated he is happy to attend individual council meetings to support discussions regarding the Triennial Agreement and Mayoral Forum.



Action

Chief Executives Forum to review Regional Forums structure and roles.

Due Date: 30 Jan 2026

Owner: Hamish Dobbie



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. adopted the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2025-2028
2. agreed to arrange for the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement to be ratified by member councils before 1 March 2026.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025

Mover: Dan Gordon

Seconded: Craig Mackle

Outcome: Approved

3. KAI - Morning tea & photos

3.1 Mayoral Forum and Chief Executives Forum photos

3.2 Kai - morning tea

4. For discussion and decision

4.1 Regional Strategy (Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury)

Hamish Dobbie, Chief Executives Forum Chair, introduced this paper and the proposal for reviewing and updating the Regional Strategy (Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury).

Members discussed:

- the importance of having a regional strategy as a comprehensive tool for advocacy and what it should primarily focus on: the significant local government reforms, the Mayoral Forum's priorities and associated workstreams and actions, or both
- the 2026 central government election and the need to agree the Mayoral Forum's priorities to have meaningful engagement. It was acknowledged in previous years the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury has put us in a place of strength to confront other moving parts
- concerns around spending on external facilitators, noting expertise may exist in-house to support this discussion, however given the significance and sensitivity of the reforms, there was discussion on the value of an independent facilitator to help navigate difficult conversations
- options for an external facilitator were proffered, such as reaching out to Canterbury tertiary institutes.

It was confirmed that funding for the strategy has been allocated from the regional forums levy, and includes facilitated workshops, research, drafting, and presentation. No additional funding is being sought.

- funding for the secretariat and support functions for the Mayoral Forum comes from the Canterbury Regional Council regional rate

- a question was asked about possible funding assistance from the Department of Internal Affairs, such as that with Local Water Done Well
- acknowledging that timing for workshopping reforms and developing a strategy is tight, and will be undertaken with an incomplete picture while the functions of regional councils are determined centrally
- the Canterbury Regional Council Chief Executive highlighted some of the functions and legislation that territorial authorities will need to consider, and that under the current proposal Mayors will need to simultaneously understand the impacts of the new resource management legislation, draft a regional spatial plan, understand any implications related to Ngāi Tahu, govern a regional council through a major change process, while acting as Mayor for their territorial authority, with a rates cap in place.

A suggestion that two workshops are held was generally supported – 23 January 2026 with a focus on local government reform for Canterbury, followed by 30 January 2026 to refresh the regional strategy 2026-2028.



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. agreed to review and update the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025 for the 2025-2028 triennium
2. agreed to the proposed approach to review and update the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025 for the 2025-2028 triennium.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Dr Deon Swiggs
Seconded: Marie Black
Outcome: Approved



Action

CMF workshops for Mayors and Chief Executives

- 23 January 2026 with a focus on local government reform for Canterbury
- 30 January 2026 workshop to refresh the regional strategy 2026-2028.

Due Date: 30 Jan 2026
Owners: Arnelia Wilkins, Ann Fitzgerald, Maree McNeilly

4.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy

Chair Swiggs introduced the paper, noting that with the significant local government legislative reform underway it is important that local leadership groups continue to progress.

Cameron Smith summarised progress to date, noting four establishment hui have been held, and plans for the remaining four to be convened in December 2025.

Discussion included:

- roles and functions of zone committees, local leadership groups and catchment groups, and the importance of delineating roles.
- Waimakariri District expressed concerns with the zone review changes and noted that the former Zone Committee worked well for Waimakariri, happy to keep engaging and to keep things moving
- Selwyn District - concern that the proposed leadership group will not be appropriate, consider basing membership around existing catchment groups
- Ashburton District boundary concerns, and the concept of sharing Rangitata - north bank with Ashburton, south bank with Timaru, and where there are issues affecting both, the two groups work together

- Christchurch City Council view that with the upcoming reforms the council has more pressing priorities. It was noted that Canterbury Regional Council has already rated for the water management strategy work
- Kaikōura have a second hui soon and should be operational early in the new year
- Canterbury Regional Council will support those who are ready to stand up the new structure, while working with others through remaining issues
- the matters discussed today will be taken into consideration at each of the local leadership hui, in particular boundary discussions
- with regard to the recent Canterbury Regional Council declaration of a “nitrate emergency”, it was noted that the regional council and private landowners have invested significant resources over decades into addressing this issue. The Regional Council is progressing a Drinking Water Action Plan, focused on improving drinking water supplies, including better understanding of the numbers of domestic self-suppliers in high-risk areas, better targeting of information and seeking a coordinated, multi-agency response to the issue. It was noted that it is critical to have good data to inform responses
- noting the package of Resource Management reform that is to be introduced into Parliament in early December 2025.



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. noted the update for July to September 2025 on work underway to implement the Canterbury Water Management Strategy
2. noted that the establishment of local leadership groups is progressing with establishment hui held in four out of eight areas, including discussions on the refinement of catchment boundaries.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Dr Deon Swiggs
Seconder: Scott Aroser
Outcome: Approved

4.3 Canterbury Biodiversity Champions

The paper summarising the work undertaken by the Canterbury Biodiversity Champions during the 2022-2025 term was received.

The group has elevated biodiversity as a regional priority and strengthened its visibility in long-term and annual plans. The group has provided oversight and input into the revitalisation of the Waitaha Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy, amongst a range of other activities.

The Mayoral Forum confirmed the continuation of the Biodiversity Champions Group for the 2025-2028 local government term.



Action

Secretariat to seek council nominations for Canterbury Biodiversity Champions.

Due Date: 30 Jan 2026
Owner: Maree McNeilly



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. noted a Canterbury Biodiversity Champions group comprised of councillors from each of Waitaha Canterbury's 11 councils has been in place since 2020 to strengthen governance-level engagement on biodiversity

2. noted the overview of work undertaken by the Canterbury Biodiversity Champions during the 2022-2025 local government term
3. agreed to reinstate the Canterbury Biodiversity Champions councillor group for the 2025-2028 local government term.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconded: Liz McMillan
Outcome: Approved

4.4 Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan update

Mayor Gordon, Chair of the Canterbury Climate Champions Reference Group, introduced the paper, noting the success of this work, the collaboration between all councils and the successful launch attended by Minister Simon Watts. He acknowledged the work of the elected members of the Climate Champions Reference Group, and the staff led working group.

Mayor Gordon recommended to the Forum the continuation of the Climate Champions Reference Group and that he would be prepared to continue to chair this group. Mayor Gordon then introduced Jesse Burgess, Chair of the Climate Change Working Group, to speak to the detail in the paper.

Jesse advised of the two Transition to Low Emissions stakeholder workshops held in Timaru and Rangiora recently. With 60 attendees between the two, action leads are analysing the commentary which has provided great insight in considering the next steps.

Further discussion included:

- three years funding for the CCPP has been committed through councils' 2024-2034 Long-Term Plans
- a question was raised on the noted spend on consultants in the report – the Climate Change Working Group is a small group of council staff working across an array of complex issues. Consultants are engaged when there is particular expertise required
- an explanation of the risk visualisation tool, which is designed to strengthen Canterbury's understanding of climate-related hazards and risks to support evidence-based decision making and improve regional resilience. The intent is to ensure councils have reliable, up-to-date information to identify who and what is at risk, enabling targeted adaptation planning and efficient resource allocation
- the climate actions committed to in this Plan, particularly key actions 1-4, are complex and large in scale. Year 1 was used to establish working groups and set up for Year 2, where the work really began. From Year 3 we will start to see progress on the actions
- the link between the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan, regional energy strategy workstream, and the planning work for a regional deal proposal was discussed. These workstreams are directly related to each other; as just one example, the work to bring the energy sector and local government together to form a regional energy strategy directly complements the work in the CCPP to transition to a low-emissions region. The five pillars included in the preparation of a regional deal proposal ties this together alongside housing and transport. The interdependencies across these workstreams mean progress in one area accelerates outcomes in others, and also highlights the need for innovative, collaborative, and coordinated solutions
- noting that central government has recently released the National Adaptation Framework, which will be factored into future work.



Action

Secretariat to seek council nominations for Canterbury Climate Champions Reference Group.

Due Date: 30 Jan 2026

Owner: Maree McNeilly



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. received the quarterly Canterbury Climate Change Partnership Plan implementation progress report
2. approved the continuation of the Canterbury Climate Champions Reference Group for the 2025-2028 triennium and its terms of reference
3. approved the continuation of the Canterbury Climate Champions Reference Group:
 1. selected Mayor Dan Gordon as the Mayoral Forum member as chair of the Canterbury Climate Champions Reference Group
 2. will advise the Regional Forums Secretariat of the nominated councillor for the Canterbury Climate Champions Reference Group from each council, as soon as practicable
4. noted that analysis of the National Adaptation Framework will be undertaken and advice provided, as appropriate, to the Canterbury Policy Forum in December 2025
5. noted the presentation on the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan at the recent Adaptation Futures 2025 conference.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Marie Black
Second: Dr Deon Swiggs
Outcome: Approved

4.5 Canterbury Regional Deal development approach

Hamish Riach introduced the paper, noting that this work is building on the work undertaken in the previous triennium with Business Canterbury and development of the World-Stage ready document. Hamish introduced Jesse Burgess, Regional Deal working group member to speak to the detail in the paper.

Jesse summarised the work undertaken to date and the publication of World-Stage Ready Key Pillars for Canterbury's regional deal proposal. The next step is to develop the scope of works to outline the development of a full regional deal proposal. Canterbury Regional Council has agreed to hold the pen on developing the scope, working with the Regional Deal Governance and Working groups.

While in-kind resources are available to develop the scoping document, additional funding will be required for the expertise to develop the full regional deal proposal from 2026-2027.

Members noted that while they are supportive of the work, most are currently undertaking line-by-line budget reviews. Any additional budget allocation will need to be confirmed by each council individually.

The proposal aims to identify the region's high-level priorities for discussion with central government and other interested parties and is linked to the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury discussions.

Existing budget and in-kind resource have been utilised to date and will continue to be used to form the scope of work for the next stage, pending future decisions on additional funding for the development of a full regional deal for Canterbury. Further detail will be included in the scoping document to come, including the relevant expertise that will be required.

There was acknowledgment that a conversation on budget needs to be had now, in order to be included in council planning processes.



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. approved the continued development of a regional deal proposal
2. approved the proposed process to develop a regional deal proposal
3. noted the proposed budget for development of the regional deal proposal, subject to individual council decisions
4. nominated Mayors Black, Bowen, Gliddon, Gordon, McMillan, Chair Swiggs for the Canterbury Regional Deal governance group, supported by Chief Executive Hamish Riach.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Dan Gordon
Seconded: Maree McNeilly
Outcome: Approved

4.6 Canterbury Regional Energy workstream

Hamish Riach introduced this paper and invited Jesse Burgess, Chair Regional Energy Steering Group to speak to the details.

Jesse highlighted the Energy Inventory that was completed last triennium and the continued work to progress Phase 2 – strategic framework, followed by the strategic road map or action plan. Jesse spoke of the significant engagement this work has had from across the energy sector, industry, local and central government and other subject matter experts. As the work has been progressing stakeholders have expressed strong support for proceeding to Stage 2 focused on developing a roadmap or action plan.

In response to members' questions, clarification included:

- acknowledging the current gap in energy planning and strategy both regionally and nationally, the link with spatial planning, and the importance of understanding the full range of energy requirements – both supply and demand – for Canterbury
- identification of future energy scenarios that can best support economic growth in the region
- the significant energy sector support for the work, demonstrated in breadth of attendance in workshops and a commitment of in-kind support to continue the work
- conversations that have been held with electricity distribution businesses
- discussions with Papatipu Rūnanga.

There is current in-kind resource and funding available to progress this work for this financial year. Work post 1 July 2026 will be dependent on budget decisions.

The energy work will contribute to spatial plan discussions and is one of the key pillars of the regional deal work.

The steering group is in discussion with the energy sector in respect of any potential financial contribution to the workstream and exploring opportunities to collaborate with universities and other research institutions.



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. agreed to continue to endorse the development of a regional approach to energy for the Canterbury region
2. noted the funding of up to \$150,000 for FY 2026/27 to progress the regional energy workstream, including preparation of a regional energy strategy and action plan/roadmap, subject to individual council decisions.

Mayor Mauger requested his vote against the resolutions be recorded.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconded: Dr Deon Swiggs
Outcome: Approved

4.7 Regional Forums budget

Hamish Dobbie presented the proposed regional forums budget to support the regional forum work programme through to June 2027.

In addition to the regular regional forums budget, the proposed budget includes funding for development of a Canterbury Regional Deal proposal and the next phases of the energy workstream.

It was noted that funding for the Canterbury Climate Change Partnership Plan is levied separately and has already been included in councils' 2024-2034 Long-Term plans.



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. noted the proposed budget through to June 2027 to support the regional forums work programme, subject to individual council processes.
2. requested that Chief Executives
 1. include the additional funding requests for development of a Canterbury Regional Deal proposal and Regional Energy Workstream in council draft annual plans for consideration – noting that Mayor Mauger did not support the regional energy workstream
 2. review the Mayoral Forum's current priorities in light of the recent reform announcements for discussion in the new year.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconded: Dan Gordon
Outcome: Approved

4.8 Chief Executives Forum report

Hamish Dobbie presented the report noting that in addition to the update on the recent CE Forum meeting and the strategic workplan 2023-2025, there are two additional items that need approval:

- CMF Gift Policy – which includes minor change from earlier versions with the exclusion of the purchase of alcohol, noting that members can still gift alcohol, but it will not be reimbursed from the regional forums budget
- CMF guidelines for preparing regional submissions – which includes one minor change from the 2020 approved version to note that submissions to select committees may be proactively released on the Mayoral Forum website, prior to select committee publication.



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. received the quarterly report from the Chief Executives Forum
2. approved the Canterbury Mayoral Forum's gift policy
3. approved the Canterbury Mayoral Forum's guidelines for preparing regional submissions
4. noted updates on work under way or completed on the key actions in the Canterbury Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Craig Rowley
Seconder: Liz McMillan
Outcome: Approved

5. For discussion

5.1 DIA Local Government update

CMF media release

Prior to discussion on item 5.1, a draft media release was circulated to members for their review and comment, which covered the appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair, commented on the Mayoral Forum's upcoming work programme, and acknowledging receipt of "Simplifying Local Government – a draft proposal".

Item 5.1 discussion

Paul Barker, Warren Ulusele, and Marlon Bridge, Department on Internal Affairs joined the meeting to discuss the local government update from Department of Internal Affairs and the 25 November central government proposal to reorganize local government. "Simplifying Local Government – a draft proposal"

A range of questions and concerns around the draft proposal were raised and covered a variety of topics and themes: funding, engagement, planning, functions, escalation points, timelines. These have been summarised below.

- why didn't central government engage with local government prior to the announcement, noting councils were advised after media were briefed? Will DIA meet directly with Canterbury Regional Council to discuss the proposed changes?
 - It is usual practice to provide embargoed copies to media
 - DIA will meet directly with Canterbury Regional Council
- how is this work to be funded?
 - funding will be from existing regional council budgets, not central government
- further queries around funding this in the context of rates capping, and existing annual and long-term plans. How should councils be setting 2026-2027 Annual Plans / 2027-2037 Long-term plans? What is the Long-Term Plan process expected to look like? At what point will we see economic/financial impacts, for what, and for whom?
 - the government is expecting this to be managed within this policy framework and alongside other reforms
- what engagement is occurring with iwi?
 - consultation with Iwi will be managed through Ministry for the Environment. Iwi have already received correspondence regarding this
- request that timelines for changes avoid a crossover with local government elections
- there is a rapid review of regional council roles and functions running concurrently, so the outcome will not be known until after submissions close, likely to be released around March 2026. Comments were expressed around the challenge of considering form ahead of function
- has there been consideration of including some central government functions in the rapid review that may be more effectively delivered at a more local level?
- has there been consideration of the secretariat or policy services that may be required for a Combined Territories Board (CTB)
 - there is flexibility here; it could sit separately, or it could come from the existing regional council resources

- noting the 1989 local government review started in 1985. This short timeframe means councils are not able to consult with communities
- does this proposal have cross-party agreement?
 - the proposal has come through the Coalition, considering efficiencies and cost savings
- where does Civil Defence and Emergency Management sit, recognising the Emergency Management Bill is also in play
- there have been many reforms in recent years at significant cost to local government
- how will CTBs make decisions, if CTBs are unable to reach agreement what will happen?
 - there will be escalation points, the details of these are still to be worked through. Local Government Commission will have a role in this space
- is there a pre-determined end goal? Unitary councils? Amalgamation?
 - it could be shared services/functions, there is no pre-prepared solutions, but there will be parameters to work within
- where is the work to support the proposed economics / efficiencies to be gained?
- has consideration been given to the cost and complexities of other recent changes and amalgamations – for example Local Water Done Well, DHBs, Polytechnics

Members discussed having a second workshop on 23 January 2025, in addition to the scheduled 30 January “Plan for Canterbury” workshop, to discuss the “Simplifying Local Government” proposal.

Canterbury Mayoral Forum media release

Following this discussion, feedback was provided on the draft media release. Subject to the proposed changes being made, was approved for release. The media release is available on the Mayoral Forum’s website [media release](#)



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. received the local government update from the Department of Internal Affairs Partnership Directors on the range of central government activities, as they affect local government.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconder: Marie Black
Outcome: Approved

6. For information

6.1 Mayoral Forum Activities and Engagements

This paper providing a summary of activities, engagements, and correspondence since the last Canterbury Mayoral Forum meeting on 22 August 2025 was taken as read.

It was noted that a response has been received from Hon Louise Upston on the Forum’s letter regarding the Tourism Growth Roadmap. This will be circulated to members.



Decision

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. received the update on Canterbury Mayoral Forum activities, engagements and correspondence since the Forum's last meeting on 22 August 2025.

Decision Date: 28 Nov 2025
Mover: Nigel Bowen
Seconder: Dr Deon Swiggs
Outcome: Approved

7. General business

7.1 General business

The local government reorganisation proposal was discussed at item 5.1.

7.2 Meeting review

7.3 Closing karakia

The Chair led members in the closing karakia.

8. Kai - lunch

8.1 Lunch

9. Close Meeting

9.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: Canterbury Mayoral Forum - 20 Feb 2026, 8:30 am

Signature:_____

Date:_____