

# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

## MEETING PACK

for

## Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Monday, 21 October 2024

9:00 am (NZDT)

Held at:

Selwyn District Council

2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston

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# AGENDA

## CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

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<b>Location:</b>	Selwyn District Council, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Hamish Riach (Committee Chair), Hamish Dobbie, Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, Jeff Millward, Sharon Mason, Stefanie Rixecker, Will Doughty, Mary Richardson
<b>Attendees:</b>	Maree McNeilly, Ann Fitzgerald
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nigel Trainor, Stuart Duncan
<b>Guests/Notes:</b>	Di McDermott (item 4.1)

### 1. Open Meeting

#### 1.1 Welcome, karakia and apologies

9:00 am (2 min)

Hamish Riach

##### Opening karakia: Whakataka te hau

Whakataka te hau ki te uru

Whakataka te hau ki te tonga

Kia mākinakina ki uta

Kia mātaratara ki tai

E hī ake ana te atakura

He tio, he huka, he hau hū

Tīhei mauri ora!

Cease the winds from the west

Cease the winds from the south

Let the breeze blow over the land

Let the breeze blow over the ocean

Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.

A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.

It is the breath of life!

#### 1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

9:02 am (3 min)

Hamish Riach

### 1.3 Action list

9:05 am (2 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

1.3.a	Action List	7
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### 1.4 Confirm minutes

9:07 am (3 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

1.4.a	Minutes : Canterbury Chief Executives Forum - 29 Jul 2024	8
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## 2. CE Discussion

### 2.1 CE Discussion time

9:10 am (60 min)

Hamish Riach

## 3. Morning tea

### 3.1 Morning tea

10:10 am (15 min)

## 4. Guest Speakers

### 4.1 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

10:25 am (10 min)

Di McDiarmid

Supporting Documents:

4.1.a	CEF Regional Public Service Commissioner update Oct 2024.docx	15
4.1.b	CEF Regional Public Service Commissioner update Attachment 1 Oct 2024.docx	16

## 5. For discussion and decision

### 5.1 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

10:35 am (10 min)

Stefanie Rixecker

Supporting Documents:

5.1.a	CEF Canterbury Water Management Strategy update Oct 2024.docx	18
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### 5.2 Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan - governance and implementation

10:45 am (10 min)

Hamish Dobbie

presented on behalf of Dr Tim Davie

Supporting Documents:

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5.2.c	CEF Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan governance and implementation Attachment 2 Oct 2024.docx	90

### 5.3 Economic development priorities

10:55 am (15 min)

Sharon Mason

Supporting Documents:

5.3.a	CEF Economic Development Priorities Oct 2024.docx	92
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### 5.4 Regional spatial planning

11:10 am (10 min)

Hamish Dobbie

Supporting Documents:

5.4.a	CEF Regional Spatial Planning Oct 2024.docx	95
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### 5.5 Regional forums update

11:20 am (10 min)

Hamish Dobbie; Will Doughty, Stuart Duncan, Angela Oosthuizen, Sharon Mason, Secretariat

Supporting Documents:

5.5.a	CEF Regional forums update Oct 2024.docx	99
5.5.b	CEF Regional Forums update Attachment 2 Oct 2024.pdf	105

### 5.6 Water Reform

11:30 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

5.6.a	CEF Water reform Oct 2024.docx	109
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### 5.7 Audit Fees

11:35 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

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## 6. For information

### 6.1 Draft Mayoral Forum agenda

11:40 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

Supporting Documents:

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## 7. General business

### 7.1 General business

11:45 am (5 min)

### 7.2 Meeting debrief

11:50 am (5 min)

## 8. Close Meeting

### 8.1 Closing karakia

Kia tau te rangimarie ki runga I nga iwi o te ao

Haumi e

Hui e

Taiki e

Let peace reign on all the people of the world

Fixed

Bound as one

### 8.2 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** No date for the next meeting has been set.

**Next meeting:** Dates for 2025 not yet decided.

**Other upcoming meetings:** Mayoral Forum - Friday 29 November 2024 8.30am-1.00pm at  
Commodore Airport Hotel 449  
Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

# Action List

## Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

*As of: 10 Oct 2024*

### Action

### In Progress

Secretariat to seek an update on Snap, Send, Solve for the 11 December Corporate Forum meeting

22/12: CIOs Forum has not met in some months and an update was not available at the meeting. The Corporate Forum, through the chair, is encouraging the CIO Forum to meet to discuss this issue so it can report back to the Chief Executives Forum.

14 March Discussed at Corporate Forum 11 March, CIOs to meet and progress contract options and report back to next Corporate Forum, then CE Forum.

24 June: not discussed at Corporate Forum meeting, held over until September meeting

11 September Corporate Forum meeting: At the end of the current five year service agreement a number of councils indicated they did not wish to continue with the software, mainly due Snap Send Solve providers being about to use the data collected in a way some councils are not happy with. As a result, seven of the Canterbury councils agreed to continue with Snap Send Solve for a further two-year period (signed in June 2024) while alternative systems are investigated. An update will be reported to the December Corporate Forum meeting.

**Due Date:** 2 Sept 2024

**Owner:** Maree McNeilly

**Meeting:** 6 Nov 2023 Canterbury Chief Executives Forum, 2.1 Discussion

# MINUTES (in Review)

## CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Amanda Wall, Maree McNeilly, Ann Fitzgerald
<b>Apologies:</b>	Hamish Riach (Committee Chair), Stuart Duncan, Jeff Millward
<b>Guests/Notes:</b>	Ben Clark item 2.1; Michael Lovett, Hamiora Bowkett and Paul Barker item 3.1; James Caygill item 5.1; Carl Paveltich item 6.1; Simon Hart item 6.2; Dr Tim Davie item 6.3.

### 1. Open Meeting

#### 1.1 Welcome, karakia and apologies

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting with a karakia. Apologies as above were noted.

#### 1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed with no additional items of general business.

#### 1.3 Action list

Due Date	Action Title	Owner
2 Sept 2024	Action	Maree McNeilly
	<b>Status:</b> In Progress	

The three outstanding actions were noted.

1. Economic opportunities climate change & sustainability – see item 6.1
2. Selwyn to share Investment and Economic Strategies when endorsed (expected to be 13 August)
3. Snap Send Solve – yet to be discussed at Corporate Forum meeting.

#### 1.4 Confirm minutes

**Canterbury Chief Executives Forum 6 May 2024**, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



#### Decision

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2024 were confirmed as presented.

<b>Decision Date:</b>	29 Jul 2024
<b>Mover:</b>	Will Doughty
<b>Seconder:</b>	Sharon Mason
<b>Outcome:</b>	Approved



## 2. Discussion

### 2.1 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

Ben Clark, retiring Regional Public Service Commissioner and Diane McDermott, newly appointed Commissioner joined the meeting, and outlined key work over recent months, including:

- Chatham Islands fuel shortage, shipping issues and longer-term infrastructure issues. Stefanie noted Environment Canterbury has a contract to deliver services to the Chathams and a singular conversation with all agencies involved with the Chathams would be helpful.
- Greenpark huts – engagement with Ngāi Tahu who are supporting residents as tenancies approach termination, and a focus on providing joined up central government support services.
- Regional Energy Inventory work, which will continue be supported by Regional Public Service Commissioner staff – Rebecca Hibbert in the interim.
- Central government job losses are impacting staff in Canterbury, particularly in terms of head office support for regional staff.

### 2.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

Stefanie presented the paper, highlighting the following points:

- the Zone Committees review is underway, and a preliminary report with options will be presented at the August Mayoral Forum meeting. An undertaking was given that there would be an opportunity for all councils to provide feedback on the options. The final report will be presented at the November Mayoral Forum meeting.
- work is underway on Plan Change 8 and is expected to be completed by end of the year.
- consultation on the Draft Regional Policy Statement continues with mana whenua. While it was noted central government resource management reform is still underway, the current RPS is outdated and requires review. Depending on the form of new resource management legislation, a pause on this review may be required.



### Decision

The Chief Executives Forum:

1. received the update for April to June 2024 on the region-wide work underway to implement the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS).

**Decision Date:** 29 Jul 2024  
**Mover:** Sharon Mason  
**Seconder:** Alex Parmley  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 3. Guest Speaker

### 3.1 Michael Lovett & Hamiora Bowkett, DIA

Michael Lovett, Hamiora Bowkett and Paul Barker joined the meeting online to discuss water services reform. A powerpoint presentation was shown. This was provided to all members by email.

A guidance pack is being prepared for local authorities, including access to borrowing arrangements, statutory deadlines, functions and regulatory settings for Taumata Arowai, aligning with the new legislation.

Discussion included:

- timeframes – with councils noting time pressures regarding community consultation

- clarity required around financial sustainability
- new CCO requirements
- stormwater does not need to be included in a CCO if this can be delivered effectively inhouse
- Taumata Arowai functions and regulatory settings - Minister expected to make any announcements on changes early/mid August
- Commerce Commission will most likely be the regulator. The regulatory regime is being developed. There will be some similarities with the electricity industry, but with a focus on accelerating investment rather than price setting
- Watercare arrangements with bespoke provisions, noting that no other entities will reach the size and scale of Watercare.

## 4. Morning tea

### 4.1 Morning tea

## 5. Guest Speaker

### 5.1 James Caygill - Waka Kotahi NZTA

James Caygill from Waka Kotahi NZTA joined the meeting to provide an update on the recently released Government Policy Statement (GPS), the upcoming National Land Transport Programme, NZTA projects and timing of funding decisions for local government programmes. Key points discussed included:

- funding uplift is only sufficient to maintain status quo
- new GPS shifts resources back to centre, with a focus on roads of national significance (one in Canterbury); tolling options are being assessed
- changes in Speed Rule will have funding implications councils have not budgeted for. A review of all changes since 1 January 2020 will be required, including revoking urban speed changes. Some discretion will be retained for speed changes on rural state highways
- walking/cycling and safety guidelines are due to be advised in next few weeks
- “pothole” fund focuses on sealed roads, no provision for unsealed road networks
- Civil Defence and critical infrastructure resilience in South Island does not feature in the GPS
- Ashburton second bridge – requires securing local funding component, discussions are ongoing between Ashburton District Council and Waka Kotahi
- a new funding approach is needed for bridge/infrastructure replacements
- visibility of a South Island plan/work programme would be useful for chief executives
- importance of a South Island wide roading infrastructure discussion and plan was noted.

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee’s work programme includes a transport funding and financing project. The draft scope has been shared with, and includes feedback from, the regional Transport Officers Group. Following confirmation of the scope the Chief Executives will be asked to nominate up to 4-5 suitably qualified members for the project steering group. It was noted that the Chief Executives Forum would receive updates on the project, but governance sits with the Regional Transport Committee.

A question was raised regarding advice on co-ordinating across the whole of the South Island on transport issues, in particular freight and bridges. There is a South Island Regional Transport

Committee Chairs group. Environment Canterbury provides secretariat services for the group as well as being a member.



### Action

Secretariat to send CEs information on the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group.

2 August - latest agenda pack and draft minutes sent to CEs

**Due Date:** 16 Aug 2024

**Owner:** Maree McNeilly

## 6. Discussion and decision

### 6.1 Regional Economic Development Strategy

Sharon Mason, Chair of Economic Development Forum, summarised the recent regional economic development strategy workshop – joined up thinking and approach across Canterbury, and an agreed set of regional priorities that can be used as a foundation for city/regional deal discussions with central government.

Carl Pavletich, the workshop facilitator, highlighted the key themes from the workshop and facilitated a short discussion on the six focus areas that had been identified.

The value of agreed regional priorities that don't override, duplicate or cut across individual councils' economic development strategies was supported. The importance of shared prosperity was discussed, and how we can articulate that what is good for one part of the region is good for everyone.

Opportunities as a result of changing climate, aging population, renewable energy, and innovation were discussed. Understanding what international markets need is also an important factor in determining regional priorities, as is leveraging what we already have in the region.

A two step approach was discussed:

- identify joint economic development priorities for Canterbury
- agree on the regional actions we can take to support the priorities

As a first step, it was agreed that a workshop would be held with the Mayoral Forum (preferably in September) to discuss and agree regional priorities for economic development.



### Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:

1. approved the development of regional economic development priorities
2. noted the Economic Development Forum's workshop outputs and provided input and feedback on the proposed themes and principles
3. agreed to hold a workshop with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in September 2024 to progress development of economic development priorities.

**Decision Date:** 29 Jul 2024

**Mover:** Sharon Mason

**Seconder:** Will Doughty

**Outcome:** Approved

### 6.2 Regional Housing Strategy - update

Simon Hart presented an update on the development of the Regional Housing Strategy, noting this compliments the Greater Christchurch Partnership Housing Strategy work.

The scope of work has been updated to reflect a two-phase approach to developing the strategy. CEs noted that they would expect to cover both phase 1 & 2 with proposed budget. Simon noted

that the steering group will work within the budget and consider other options, including a greater reliance on staff expertise to support the project and discussions with the preferred provider on how to deliver the work within the allocated budget.



## Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:

1. noted the development of the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy is proposed to be developed in two stages, and a draft of the first stage deliverable (Scoping Paper) will be provided for consideration of the Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums prior to progressing stage two
2. approved the allocation of up to \$50,000 from the Regional Forums budget to progress the procurement of a consultant to support the development of the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy
3. delegated authority to the Chair of the Canterbury Economic Development Forum to make final amendments to the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy scope of works, prior to initiating the Requests for Proposals process
4. delegated authority to the Chair of the Canterbury Economic Development Forum, for the appointment of the project consultant following the appropriate procurement process.
5. noted the attached Regional Housing Steering Group Terms of Reference, approved by the Regional Economic Development Forum.

**Decision Date:** 29 Jul 2024  
**Mover:** Alex Parmley  
**Seconder:** Angela Oosthuizen  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 6.3 Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan - update

Tim Davie presented an update on the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan, which is on track for approval by the Mayoral Forum in August with a launch being planned for October 2024. Hamish Dobbie noted the great work that has gone into this plan by all those involved and in particular acknowledged Tim's leadership of the Climate Change Working Group.



## Decision

The Chief Executives Forum:

1. endorsed the draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan, to be provided to the Mayoral Forum for approval in August 2024
2. approved a budget of up to \$7,500 for the launch event and promotional videos for the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan
3. noted advice on the governance of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan implementation, including the ongoing role of the elected member Reference Group, will be presented to the Chief Executive Forum at their next meeting in October 2024.

**Decision Date:** 29 Jul 2024  
**Mover:** Sharon Mason  
**Seconder:** Will Doughty  
**Outcome:** Approved

## 6.4 Water Reform

It was noted that since the directive from the Mayoral Forum that there is no desire for a regional CCO, there have been a number of informal conversations across the region about possible water

services delivery options. Forum members acknowledged the importance of keeping the chief executives informed of these discussions.

It was noted that some councils had recently attended a meeting convened by Ngāi Tahu to discuss water services delivery across the takiwā.

While a region wide CCO is off the table, there are a number of other collaborative options that could be explored. Chief executives agreed to schedule a catch-up via MS Teams to discuss what each council is working on in terms of water reform options.



### Action

Secretariat to arrange a meeting for the Forum to share work each Council is undertaking on water reform options.

2 Aug -- meeting time and date sent

**Due Date:** 6 Aug 2024

**Owner:** Ann Fitzgerald

## 6.5 Regional forums update

Members discussed the 2024-2025 regional forums budget, noting that they could not approve a budget that showed a deficit. As the \$50,000 set aside for the regional economic development strategy was not approved the budget is no longer in deficit. Chief Executives approved the budget subject to its revision to ensure there was not a deficit as originally forecast.



### Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:

1. received the quarterly reports on June 2024 regional forum meetings and updates on the workstream tracker
2. approved the 2023-24 expenditure report
3. approved the 2024-25 regional forums budget, subject to adjustments to remove the year end forecast deficit
4. discussed possible 2025 meeting locations for the Mayoral Forum, noting the preference for the current Christchurch location.

**Decision Date:** 29 Jul 2024

**Mover:** Stefanie Rixecker

**Seconder:** Will Doughty

**Outcome:** Approved

## 7. For information

### 7.1 Draft Mayoral Forum agenda

The draft Mayoral Forum agenda for 30 August 2024 was reviewed, noting the invited guests.

Members discussed including a structured water reform discussion on the agenda. As part of this, Hamiora Bowkett from DIA will be invited to the meeting to present the DIA water legislation guidance pack (due for release mid August).

## 8. General business

### 8.1 General business

There were no items of general business.

## 8.2 Meeting debrief

While the meeting ran over time, members noted the face to face discussions were useful.

## 9. Close Meeting

### 9.1 Closing karakia

The meeting closed at 12.45pm with a karakia.

### 9.2 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** Canterbury Chief Executives Forum - 21 Oct 2024, 9:00 am

**Other upcoming meetings:**

- Mayoral Forum – Friday 30 August 2024 8.30am-1.00pm at Commodore Airport Hotel 449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

**Date:** 21 October 2024

**Presented by:** Diane McDermott, Regional Public Service Commissioner

## **Regional Public Service Commissioner update**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a quarterly regional public service commissioner update.

### **Recommendation**

**That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:**

1. **note the update from Diane McDermott, Regional Public Service Commissioner.**

### **Background**

2. At the August 2021 Chief Executives Forum, it was agreed that a standing item be included on future Chief Executives Forum meeting agendas for the Regional Public Service Lead (now Regional Public Service Commissioner (RPSC)).

## **Regional Public Service Commissioner update**

3. A written update is provided at Attachment 1.

### **Attachment**

- Regional Public Service Commissioner update.

# Regional Public Service Commissioner (RPSC) Update

## Chief Executives Forum Oct 2024

### Purpose

This paper provides a brief update from the Regional Public Service Commissioner, Di McDermott on:

- the Regional Leadership Group (RLG) for Canterbury - Regional Leaders operating under the Regional Systems Leadership Framework (RSLF) and the Regional Public Service team

### Priorities

To develop regional priorities - cutting across work programmes and utilising an increased level of collaboration from agencies for improved outcomes. Alongside these priorities, RSLF also provides the opportunity to convene, resolve and escalate issues across social, economic, skills, workforce, and environmental sectors.

### Regional Leadership Group (RLG)

There are three local government reps on RLG – Hamish Riach, Sharon Mason and Mary Richardson.

On 6 Sept we held a session to set our focus through F25 in response to the Government priorities. We aligned on two focus areas and agreed to form two subgroups to scope:

- Children and Young people / Tamariki and Rangatahi
  - Police, MoE, Vania Llewellyn and Rebecca Hibbert
- Economic Development
  - Ashburton District Council, Selwyn District Council, MSD, Di McDermott, and Marie Ward

The number of people in Emergency Housing across Canterbury continues to reduce. This is the result of strong collaboration between MSD and Kāinga Ora, and is proof that working across the system can help us be more efficient and effective for our communities.

### Canterbury Regional Energy Inventory

#### RPS contribution to the Regional Energy Inventory:

- RPS has committed resourcing up front to this project –there is a RPS Lead Advisor leading the workstream at 0.5FTE through to Christmas – the recruitment process was delayed which has meant the project is behind its originally planned schedule.
- We have since committed additional resourcing with a Senior Advisor at 0.25FTE, this will particularly assist with the engagement phase.
- We will reassess the resourcing commitment we can make in the new year.
- The Lead Advisor and Senior Advisor work alongside ECan resource (Senior Advisor 0.5FTE tbc).

#### Where the project is at:

- The energy inventory steering group has been established – Jesse Burgess (ECan) is the chair of this group.
- Scope of Works and detailed project planning is now complete – this provides a base structure for the report.
- Engagement planning is underway with a range of targeted engagement planned with key energy sector and local government stakeholders – it is intended that some face to face workshops are also organised for this work (timeframes for this are becoming increasingly tight given the intended deadlines and the Christmas/New Year break).





- The engagement phase will be critical to the successful delivery of the project - much of this engagement will provide key information for the drafting of the inventory.
- Desktop research and drafting of the report will commence shortly - with a planned completion/publication in March/April 2025.

#### The inventory will:

- Set out the broader regulatory context of the energy system in NZ - there is significant change happening at national level - a new National Strategy on Energy from MBIE is expected by the end of 2024
- Outline the current energy system and energy profile in Canterbury – i.e. energy use and demand by sector and map our existing and potential resources/assets – this will also include consideration of the newly approved fast-track projects for renewable energy projects.
- Outline potential future impacts from climate change/resource availability/population growth – with a particular focus on the expected increase in demand for electricity and how we ensure energy security and affordability.
- Identify where the challenges and opportunities are for the Canterbury region - i.e. where do we have natural advantages to increase renewable electricity generation, while also ensuring stability with existing electricity generation and networks.
- Provide the evidence base for future work, such as potential work on energy strategies/action plans for the Canterbury region.
- Provide a key contribution to the Economic Development priority focus area for Canterbury – the transition of the energy system is likely to positively impact workforce opportunities. MBIE have noted that electricity demand in NZ is expected to significantly increase by 2050 and this demand will require significant investment in generation and networks.

Further detail on the energy inventory will be provided to this forum from the working group.

#### **RPSC Team**

- Di and Marie are visiting several of the mid and south Canterbury councils on 4th and 5th November.
  - We are interested in what is top of mind for your district and how we can work together across the system in your area.
  - We appreciate that you have been able to make time in your busy schedules.
- Visits to the greater Christchurch and north Canterbury councils are planned for later in December.

#### **Other activities**

- We are working with the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (EECA) to facilitate a healthy homes project on the Chatham Islands.
- We are part of a working group in the MacKenzie District to address outstanding needs for youth in the Twizel area. A cross agency hui identified opportunities to work more collaboratively and smarter. The working group members are: MacKenzie District Council Community Development and Mayors Taskforce for jobs, Sports Canterbury, South Canterbury DHB, The Y Timaru and Regional Public Service.
- We continue to feedback into the Te Aorerekura Action plan (Te Aorerekura National Strategy). This plan has been identified as a key commitment of the Government to reduce violent crime.
- We are attending the Chatham Island on mainland Stake holder Hui in Wellington on 20 Nov 2024
  - The focus for this hui is - Economically Prosperous, Environmentally Sustainable, and Resilient Infrastructure.
  - We are preparing for an on-island hui in Feb 2025



# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

**Date:** 21 October 2024

**Presented by:** Stefanie Rixecker, Environment Canterbury

## Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

### Purpose

1. This paper provides the Chief Executives Forum with an update on region-wide progress towards implementing the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:**

1. **notes the progress of the CWMS Zone Committee Review and upcoming workshops with nominated Mayors, mana whenua representatives and the Environment Canterbury Chair/Deputy Chair**
2. **receives the update for July to September 2024 on the region-wide work underway to implement the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS).**

## Update on Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS)

### Review of CWMS zone committees

2. The information-gathering stage of the Canterbury Zone Committee Review 2024 (the review) has now been completed and the focus shifted to the development of advice and options for the future of local freshwater leadership in Canterbury.
3. On 30 August, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum nominated four Mayors to work with Environment Canterbury's Chair and Deputy to workshop what local freshwater leadership the Mayoral Forum will support into the future. The four Mayors are Mayor Mackle (Kaikōura), Mayor Bowen (Timaru), Mayor Black (Hurunui), and Mayor Mauger (Christchurch).
4. Also on 30 August, Te Rōpū Tuia agreed to nominate a similar number of mana whenua representatives to participate in these workshops. The three representatives are Rik Tainui (Chairperson, Ōnuku Rūnanga), Dardanelle McLean-Smith (Chairperson, Te Rūnanga o Waihao), and Gabrielle Huria (Chief Executive, Te Kura Taka Pini).
5. The working group of Mayors, mana whenua representatives and Environment Canterbury's Chair and Deputy will hold workshops in late October and early November, diaries permitting.

6. These workshops will focus on (i) core principles and functions for local freshwater leadership and engagement, and (ii) draft models for achieving these principles and functions. These models range from refreshed local land & water committees similar to current zone committees, to sub-regional leadership groups comprised of Territorial Authorities, Environment Canterbury and mana whenua representatives, through to a sole focus on supporting catchment groups without additional structures. Feedback from the working group will help to refine advice and options for enabling future local leadership and engagement.
7. Draft advice and potential options will further be discussed with selected staff from different territorial authorities across Canterbury to ensure that their feasibility and practical implications for district and city councils are considered.
8. Feedback from these workshops and engagements will be used to finalise advice and options. A Zone Committee Review final report will be presented to the Mayoral Forum's November meeting for their decision. While the nature of this decision will be informed by the working group of Mayors and mana whenua representatives, it will likely include a decision on whether or not the Mayoral Forum continues to support the zone committee structure, and if not, what alternative models should be further explored before decisions in the first half of 2025.
9. This timing would enable further discussions within individual councils (noting any changes to the zone committee approach will require a decision by each individual council given these are joint committees), and for new structures to be put in place by the start of the 2025/26 year.
10. Table 1 provides agreed key dates and milestones for the review.

**Table 1:** CWMS Zone Committee review – key dates and milestones

Date	Milestone
Aug 2023	Mayoral Forum agrees to a review of zone committees
Dec 2023	Initial engagement with zone committee chairs and deputies ( <i>completed</i> )
Apr 2024	Engagement with mayors, mana whenua and zone committees ( <i>completed</i> )
May 2024	Workshop with Mayoral Forum ( <i>completed</i> )
Jul – Aug 2024	Briefing and updates to key CWMS parties ( <i>completed</i> )
Aug 2024	Progress update to Mayoral Forum ( <i>completed</i> )
Sept – Oct 2024	Workshops with mayors, mana whenua representatives, and Environment Canterbury Chair
Nov 2024	Final Zone Committee Review report to Mayoral Forum

### **CWMS zone committee updates**

11. Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan 2024-34 has allocated \$50,000 to each zone committee's 2024/25 Action Plan budget to implement on the ground actions to support the delivery of CWMS targets and goals.

12. Attachment 1 provides an update on key regional projects and campaigns.
13. Attachment 2 provides a summary of the last three months' progress of zone committee projects.

## **Update on central government action that may impact freshwater outcomes**

### **Resource Management Act reform**

14. The Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill is moving through the parliamentary process. On 30 September the Primary Production Select Committee published its final report on the Bill, with a recommendation that the Bill be passed with amendments. These included recommended changes to the National Policy Statement Indigenous Biodiversity regarding roles and responsibilities, and new intensive winter grazing provisions (preventing intensive winter grazing closer than five metres to the bed of any river, lake, wetland or drain and prevent intensive winter grazing within or adjacent to any critical source area).
15. The Committee also recommended changes to section 107 of the RMA, which was the subject of the recent High Court decision concerning Environment Canterbury's granting of a discharge consent to Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Limited. The Committee proposed amending section 107 to grant a discharge or coastal permit if a consent authority is satisfied the receiving waters were already subject to significant adverse effects and imposes conditions on the consent. However, the consent authority must be satisfied the conditions will contribute to a reduction in the adverse effects on aquatic life over the duration of the consent.
16. The second Resource Management Amendment Bill is scheduled for introduction to Parliament this year, alongside a package of national direction changes relating to infrastructure, housing, primary production and natural hazards / emergency management.

### **Changes to Freshwater Farm Plan direction**

17. The Government has initiated work to review the Resource Management (Freshwater Farm Plan) Regulations 2022 to reduce cost and complexity and acknowledge the progress already made by existing farm plan programmes. On 3 September, Ministers McClay, Simmonds and Hoggard issued a press release signalling that the Government will pause the rollout of freshwater farm plans (<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-pause-freshwater-farm-plan-rollout>).
18. As the regulations had never been turned on in Canterbury there is no direct impact on Canterbury from the pause in the rollout. It is understood that the policy work to make changes to the regulations is continuing and Environment Canterbury will continue to engage in this process where possible. In the meantime, audited Farm Environment Plans remain in place in Canterbury and Environment Canterbury continues to support

farmers and growers to carry on with the good work already underway to implement these plans and work toward their next audit.

### **Fast-track Approvals Bill**

19. The Fast-Track Approvals Bill is expected to be reported back to Parliament, by the Environment Select Committee, in mid-October. In response to public submissions, the Government has recommended changes to the Bill to the Select Committee that are intended to improve public confidence in the decision-making process for infrastructure and development projects that are considered to have significant regional or national benefits. The change includes giving independent panels (rather than Ministers) authority to make the final decision on an application.
20. On 6 October, the Government released 149 projects to be included in the legislation. Twenty-two of these projects are in Canterbury and range from a mix of housing, infrastructure, water storage, mining and quarrying, renewable energy and aquaculture projects.

### **Local Water Done Well**

21. The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 was enacted on 2 September 2024 and establishes the Local Water Done Well framework and the preliminary arrangements for the new water services system.
22. In August, the Government provided an overview of policy decisions that will be reflected in the proposed Local Government Water Services Bill, expected to be introduced in December 2024 and passed by mid-2025. The key decisions include providing an expanded range of water services delivery models for councils to choose from, an expectation that all local government water service providers will have to meet clear minimum requirements, a new planning and accountability framework for water services, and the extension of existing financial lending arrangements to new CCOs.

## **Update on Environment Canterbury's planning work programme**

### **Regional Policy Statement**

23. Environment Canterbury continues to progress the review of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS).
24. Consultation on a draft RPS occurred over June and July 2024 and conversations with territorial authorities continued through August.
25. Environment Canterbury is preparing the draft RPS for clause 4 consultation (with iwi authorities). The RPS is on track for notification in December 2024.
26. Environment Canterbury is working with Canterbury councils' planning teams to ensure local councils can influence the development of the RPS, and with each council's staff to

ensure elected members have sufficient information to enable them to provide feedback. Further information is provided on the Environment Canterbury [website](#)<sup>1</sup>.

## Plan Change 8

27. Environment Canterbury is working to notify plan changes for the following issues:

- Take and Use (“AWA”) – providing for the take and use of water for infrastructure and allowing the use of water to be changed where there are environmental benefits
- make it easier to construct wetlands
- preserving the intent of the expiring provisions in the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (NES-F) – Agricultural Intensification and Intensive Winter Grazing

28. These proposed plan changes are in response to recent Court decisions which have impacted the consenting of urban development / infrastructure projects within the Canterbury region, as well as hampering the ability of water users to change what they use consented water for.

29. Environment Canterbury is working to provide a more cost-effective and coherent set of provisions collectively being referred to as ‘Plan Change 8’ that address these matters in the longer term as well as addressing additional areas of concern.

30. A draft of Plan Change 8 has been with stakeholders (including Territorial Authorities) for feedback. This closed on 20 September, and feedback will be analysed and incorporated where relevant, before a proposed notification in November 2024.

## Attachments

- Attachment 1: Key regional projects/campaigns July to September 2024
- Attachment 2: Zone Committee Action Plan overview July to September 2024

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-regional-policy-statement/crps-202425/>

## Attachment 1: Key regional projects/campaigns July to September 2024

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1. The CWMS is implemented in the Canterbury region by the CWMS partners through a range of statutory and non-statutory obligations and by working with agencies and community groups.
2. This section of the update provides information on the delivery of actions by CWMS partners to meet the 2025 goals under the 10 CWMS Targets areas<sup>2</sup>, although not all 10 Target areas are intended to be covered each quarter. Progress against the CWMS Targets is reported on Environment Canterbury's [website](#)<sup>3</sup>.

### Ōtūwharekai / Ashburton Lakes

3. Restoring the mauri of the Ōtūwharekai / Ashburton Lakes continues to be a high priority for Environment Canterbury, mana whenua, key agencies, environmental organisations and landowners. This work supports progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target.
4. Statutory agencies have continued to provide input into the Draft Integrated Catchment Plan identifying the actions and timelines they will work towards to improve the health of the lakes. A 26 September hui focussed on progressing the development of 'Environmental Goal' actions within the draft Plan. It was also recognised that at its current level of resourcing the development of the plan and obtaining agreement across the agencies on the plan will take longer than originally anticipated.
5. Environment Canterbury continues to work through the consent review and consenting process with the landowners in the Ōtūwharekai catchment. Work is ongoing to determine new consent conditions that will appropriately protect water quality and the health of the ecosystems at Ōtūwharekai.
6. Over autumn and winter, Lake Camp/Ōtautari experienced low water levels due to lack of rain and snow. Nearby hut holders raised concern that lake levels will be too low for recreational activities this summer and campaigned Ashburton District Council for a new diversion to be installed from Balmacaan Stream.
7. Many members of the Ōtūwharekai Working Group presented extensive information to the hut holders, Ashburton District Council and the wider community on the reasons for the low levels, the stable ecological health of the lake (which is not being impacted by current low levels) and history of the previous consent for a diversion.

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<sup>2</sup> There are ten target areas within the Canterbury Water Management Strategy each with a number of more specific goals. The target areas are: Environmental Limits, Ecosystem Health/Biodiversity, Natural Character of Braided Rivers, Kaitiakitanga, Drinking-water, Recreational and amenity opportunities, Water use efficiency, Irrigated land area, Energy security and efficiency and Indicators of Regional and National Economies.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/measuring-cwms-progress/>

8. Environment Canterbury offered pre-application guidance to Ashburton District Council, however, the Council decided at its 18 September meeting not to apply for a consent for a diversion.
9. Levels are currently rising following recent rain and snow melt in September. The current water level of Lake Camp is available at [River flow data - Lake Camp at South Lake | Environment Canterbury \(ecan.govt.nz\)](#)
10. The most recent water quality monitoring results, as well as progress updates on other relevant actions, are available at [www.ecan.govt.nz/otuwharekai](#).

## Whakaora Te Waihora Programme

11. The Whakaora Te Waihora Programme is a long-term, operational programme of the Te Waihora Co-Governance Group to restore and rejuvenate the mana, mauri and ecosystem of Te Waihora/ Lake Ellesmere. The Co-Governance members are Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Selwyn District Council, Christchurch City Council, and Department of Conservation.
12. The Whakaora Te Waikēkēwai project continues to be a model for 'Treaty Partnership' and delivery. As important as 'what' the project is doing (restoring the mid-lower stretches of Te Waikēkēwai/Waikēkēwai Stream), is 'how' it is doing it (led by Te Taumutu Rūnanga, and co-managed between Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury).
13. The project made significant advances from July to September with:
  - most of the riparian planting completed, with approx. 36,000 plants installed to date
  - predator traps (supplied by DOC) were installed by project staff in partnership with a local landholder and Pest Free Banks Peninsula/PFBP at sites significant for matuku-hūrepo/bittern conservation on iwi land
  - preparation began for the procurement process to build a constructed wetland on iwi land
  - the project engaged with the local catchment group (Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc./ESAI) and local schools; and
  - a review was undertaken of the project's Health and Safety systems and processes.
14. The restoration of Te Waihora is a huge job, which cannot be achieved by any one organisation. It requires long-term commitments, and working collaboratively across organisational boundaries to share strengths, opportunities, ideas, and resources. That is why work is underway to further support the Whakakōhanga Kōrero, which is an inter-organisational forum (of mana whenua, councils, farmer-led catchment groups, community organisations, NGOs etc.) who are delivering environmental management actions around Te Waihora. The group meets quarterly to share current work and identify opportunities to work together. Work underway to further support the group includes:



- A publicly visible digital map, where organisations can share and display the locations of their projects. This will aid operational decisions (the development of projects, developing working partnerships with other organisations), strategic decisions (where to focus resources, funding applications), and communicating to the public.
- A fundraising package, identifying priority projects to be delivered by different organisations, with the objective to partner with foundations, corporations, and trusts to help restore the taonga of Te Waihora for future generations.

## **Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Programme**

15. The Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Programme is designed to improve the environmental and cultural values of Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour. It is a partnership between Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council, and Lyttelton Port Company to action the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Catchment Management Plan.
16. The programme has been highly active in raising awareness, creating educational opportunities, and providing sound technical advice to other agencies in the landscape. Through this approach the programme has become a key supporter of an art project linking people with place and the environment, which was initiated by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research. The programme has also partnered with others to support the delivery of educational activities, including an Enviroschools event on a reserve, and a school visit to provide training in monitoring techniques. A recent workshop with Christchurch City Council (CCC) Rangers will result in greater collaborations in environmental projects and higher levels of knowledge sharing.
17. The programme's Governance and Community Advisory groups met separately this quarter. These meetings occurred with great collegiality and a shared focus on actions to take in the landscape this year to ensure changes to the environment are targeted and sustainable.
18. The programme participated in a number of workshops and key meetings with stakeholders, such as Predator Free Bank Peninsula and CCC Rangers. This will build support for the programme's conservation actions in the landscape. A Tītī feasibility study is also strengthening the programme's connections with the Department of Conservation. The programme has also started a joint project testing drone deployment of seed pods in fire scarred sections of a Summit Road Societies reserve to accelerate restoration.

## **Waitarakao Washdyke Lagoon**

19. In June and July 2024, the Our Waitarakao partnership (the Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, and Timaru District Council) undertook the third phase of engagement to support the creation of the Our Waitarakao Strategy.

20. This phase sought feedback from the community on the draft strategy which closed on 15 July. The engagement took the form of two drop-in events where people could learn more and provide feedback, and a digital consultation hosted on the Have Your Say website, where people were invited to download the strategy document and fill in a survey on the draft plan.
21. Approximately 30 people attended the drop in events and the strategy received 24 submissions broadly in support of what was being proposed. Most feedback came from local residents within the catchment and wider Timaru area.
22. The partnership is making amendments to the draft strategy reflective of the submissions and views and priorities of each agency.
23. Approval for the draft strategy will be sought from partner agencies governance in late-October 2024.

## **Te Mōkihi Programme**

24. The Te Mōkihi Programme focuses on improving environmental, cultural, social and economic outcomes in Te Manahuna/Mackenzie Basin. It is a partnership between Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Te Rūnanga o Waihao, Environment Canterbury, Department of Conservation, Land Information NZ, Mackenzie District Council and Waitaki District Council.
25. The Rūnanga Chairs, councils' Mayors, agency Chief Executives, and Steering Committee members met for a wānanga in July 2024. This is the latest in a series of wānanga that have focused on how to work in true partnership with mana whenua. The programme's initial focus on interagency work (planning, consenting, compliance, and communications) is now well established. Te Mōkihi is undergoing a transformation to ensure that all eight partners can participate fully in making decisions on the ongoing programme work.
26. The wānanga set up a new Governance Group for Te Mōkihi, who will meet for the first time on 4 October 2024. This group will have the responsibility to set the programme's direction and will charge the Senior Officials Group with ensuring the necessary work is carried out.
27. The wānanga also set three new priority projects: development of a spatial plan for Te Manahuna, wilding conifer control, and water shortage. The Governors Group will decide on next steps for each of these projects, and how they will be resourced. These are all long-term projects that will need funding commitments from the partners beyond the term of the existing funding agreements.

## Attachment 2: Zone Committee Action Plan overview July to September 2024

Kaikōura Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Natural Character of Braided Rivers</b>  <b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b>  <b>Kaitiakitanga wahi taonga &amp; biodiversity</b>	<b>Enhance biodiversity, and improve amenity and recreation values</b>  <b>Support our community to respond to changing requirements, and share resources for good management practice</b>  <b>Facilitate understanding of catchment systems within the zone, build community knowledge and connection to these systems and increase public participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At its August meeting, the Committee confirmed its support of recommendations to fund:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiau Toa/Clarence Hapua predator control - \$6,300</li> <li>Waiau Toa/Clarence Weed Management - \$10,000</li> <li>Charwell River black-billed gull protection - \$9,020</li> <li>Hapuku Catchment Collective - \$15,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>Environment Canterbury discussed the Regional Coastal Environment Plan with the committee.</li> <li>At its September meeting the committee will receive presentations on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Kaikōura spatial plan</li> <li>Kaikōura's stormwater and other water related systems – presented by Kaikōura District Council</li> <li>Incidence response around waterways – presented by Environment Canterbury</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Planning is underway for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a field trip to Culverden in October, collaborating with Hurunui District Landcare Group and Amuri Irrigation Company</li> <li>Waiau toa /Clarence Community Hui – an annual community event to present the previous year's collaborative work on the Waiau Toa/Clarence Weed Management Strategy, and to discuss upcoming work programmes. This year celebrates 10 years of this collaborative whole catchment project.</li> <li>workshop in November with Wai Connection on 'Kaikōura Plains' Focus Catchment Map Series.</li> </ul>

<b>Waimakariri Zone Committee</b>		
<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Focus of the Action Plan</b>	<b>Highlights of practical work underway</b>
<b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b>	<b>Improve monitoring of water resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee's meeting in July focussed on receiving reports from the Waimakariri District Council (WDC) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private well study results 2023</li> <li>Rangiora stormwater monitoring programme 2021-23 annual report</li> <li>Rangiora stormwater monitoring programme 2022-23 water quality results</li> <li>Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) Capital Works Programme 2024-25</li> </ul> </li> <li>The committee also received an overview of the WDC Draft Stormwater Drainage and Watercourse Protection Bylaw with committee providing feedback to staff.</li> <li>The committee received two reports focused on Waimakariri ZIP Addendum priorities, provided by the Waimakariri Landcare Trust: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water quality gap analysis in the Waimakariri – report by Aqualinc</li> <li>Our Land &amp; Water Case Study overview – Waimakariri Landcare Trust</li> </ul> </li> <li>In August the committee reviewed its current priorities and projects underway, including the 2024 Environment Awards to be held in conjunction with the WDC Community Awards in October.</li> <li>The committee also considered its approach to promoting and receiving project applications in 2024 for the CWMS Action Plan Budget available in 2024/25 (\$50K), and its feedback on the draft Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.</li> <li>In September the committee's meeting began with over 50 residents attending to raise concerns over chlorination of their drinking water. The Mayor and the WDC Roding and Utilities Manager were in attendance to address these concerns. The meeting also featured updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The survey results of the Taranaki Creek fish passage 'letterbox'</li> <li>The Braided River Revival / Whakahaumanu Ngā Awa ā Pākihi programme of work, including: the Rangiora Reach Masterplan implementation and the Rakahuri Berm Transition.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Drinking Water</b>	<b>Biodiversity improvements</b>	
<b>Natural Character of Braided Rivers</b>	<b>Braided Rivers</b>	
<b>Recreation and Amenity Opportunities</b>	<b>Recreation resources</b>	
<b>Kaitiakitanga</b>	<b>Mahinga kai improvements</b>	

Christchurch-West Melton		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b>  <b>Kaitiakitanga</b>  <b>Recreation and Amenity opportunities</b>	<b>Enhance mahinga kai</b>  <b>Engage with community</b>  <b>Enhance ecosystem health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee's August meeting included updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Hills Trust 2023/24 project variation</li> <li>Port Hills Erosion and Sediment Control toolkit project (jointly supported by Banks Peninsula Zone Committee)</li> <li>Canterbury RPS</li> <li>CWMS ZC Review</li> <li>confirming the committee's ongoing use of its 2021-2024 CWMS Action Plan</li> <li>an update on the Avon Ōtākaro waterway plan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The committee held two workshops in August. The first workshop focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormwater Superheroes Awards 2024/25 - confirming the committee's preferred approach to support these Awards in 2024/25.</li> <li>Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (RPS) - confirming the committee's feedback on the pre-consultation Draft RPS in August.</li> <li>CWMS Action Plan Budget for 2024/25 - confirming the committee's approach to utilising the \$50,000 allocated through Environment Canterbury's Long Term Plan for 2024/25 with the CWMZC 2021-2024 Action Plan priorities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The second workshop focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirming the committee's approach to utilising the \$50,000 allocated through Environment Canterbury's Long Term Plan for 2024/25, in alignment with the CWMZC 2021-2024 Action Plan priorities.</li> <li>Confirming the committee's feedback on the Draft Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.</li> <li>Confirming the committee's preferred approach to supporting the development of Healthy Waterways Awards for Christchurch in 2024/25.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The committee is scheduled to have another workshop on 26 September 2024.</li> </ul>

Banks Peninsula Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b>  <b>Kaitiakitanga</b>	<b>Engage with community</b>  <b>Supporting new and existing catchment groups</b>  <b>Advocate for and be engaged in improved erosion and sediment control.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meetings scheduled for July and August 2024 were cancelled.</li> <li>• In September, the Committee provided feedback on Christchurch City Council's (CCC) Stormwater Management Plan for Banks Peninsula (a requirement of the CCC's Stormwater Global Consent).</li> <li>• In collaboration with the Rātā Foundation, the Committee is co-funding a series of workshops to upskill Banks Peninsula community groups' ability to develop and clearly articulate their goals and objectives and apply to a range of funds.</li> <li>• The Committee provided feedback on the development of an Erosion and Sediment Control, and Soil Conservation Toolkit, a joint project between the Christchurch West Melton and Banks Peninsula zone committees, Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour and Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rāpaki Rūnanga.</li> </ul>

Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b>  <b>Natural Character of Braided Rivers</b>  <b>Recreation and Amenity opportunities</b>  <b>Kaitiakitanga</b>	<b>Raising awareness about the risks to private drinking water</b>  <b>Catchment nutrient targets and water quality outcomes</b>  <b>Enhance mahinga kai, recreation and amenity values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for well water testing community events to be held on 31 October and 7 November is underway.</li> <li>In July, the Committee hosted a Water Quality workshop. Presentations covered current water quality results, ongoing monitoring efforts, challenges, and initiatives by councils and groups like ESAI to improve freshwater outcomes. The workshop emphasized the importance of the upcoming well water testing events.</li> <li>In August, ESR presented on the impact of Onsite Wastewater Management Systems (OWMS) in the Selwyn Waihora zone which highlighted the potential risk to drinking water. In response, the Committee plans to raise homeowner awareness of OWMS and their maintenance at the upcoming well water testing events.</li> <li>In September, the Committee heard from the Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust and the work undertaken with the catchment community to see if lessons learnt can be applied in the Selwyn Waihora zone.</li> <li>The Committee also held a workshop to develop recommendations to fund Action Plan projects.</li> </ul>

Ashburton Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Environmental Limits</b>  <b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b>  <b>Recreation and Amenity opportunities</b>	<b>Support measures to enhance recreation and amenity opportunities</b>  <b>Improving ecosystem health and meeting biodiversity targets</b>  <b>Supporting Hakatere / Ashburton River and its tributaries (including Carters Creek) and Hekeao Hinds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In July the Committee heard from the Lake Clearwater Hut Holders about the Balmacaan Stream Diversion proposal to raise Lake Camp's water level. The Committee subsequently wrote to Environment Canterbury, Ashburton District Council (ADC) and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu encouraging them to support the proposal in their capacities to do so. In August retired Hydrologist and former Zone Committee member, John Waugh spoke to the Committee about Lake Camp and recommended that the lake and stream be left to function naturally. He noted Lake Camp remains deep enough to provide refuge for kākahi mussels during dry periods.</li> <li>• In July the Committee received a presentation on the Berm Transition project, a four-year regional project involving a large-scale rollout of native planting installations to both support flood protection and directly perform flood protection functions. Works were undertaken on the Hakatere/Ashburton and Hekeao/Hinds rivers.</li> <li>• In August the Committee received a presentation from the Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust noting the practical work and trials being undertaken to improve water quality and base flows, protect drinking water supplies, and improve sustainable groundwater storage. Practical work includes a constructed wetland, bioreactor trial and targeted stream augmentations.</li> <li>• In September the Whitecombe Landcare Group provided an update of the practical work the Group has been undertaking in the Upper Rakaia catchment.</li> </ul>



Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b> <b>Kaitiakitanga</b> <b>Recreation and Amenity opportunities</b>	<b>Lowland Stream health</b> <b>Protection, enhancement and restoration of mahinga kai sites</b> <b>We engage with the community and raise awareness of the impacts of human activity on land and water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In July the Committee received an update on the community feedback on the Our Waitarakao: Waitarakao Washdyke Lagoon catchment draft strategy which outlines the actions needed to ensure a healthy future for the Waitarakao Washdyke Lagoon catchment.</li> <li>• The strategy is the result of a partnership between the Department of Conservation, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, Timaru District Council, the local community and Environment Canterbury.</li> <li>• It includes five overall outcomes, which each have objectives, first steps, and ongoing actions:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ecological revitalisation or restoration</li> <li>2. Increase mahinga kai</li> <li>3. Enable the community to appropriately interact with the catchment</li> <li>4. Community informed and involved in the restoration of the mauri of the catchment</li> <li>5. Resilience planning.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• In August the committee visited Pig Hunting Creek Lagoon and the adjacent Normanby Lagoon to the south of Timaru. Restoration plans are being developed for these important coastal lagoons with support from the local community and the Committee.</li> <li>• In September the Committee received an update on Plan Change 7 flow and allocation regimes as they apply to the OTOP Zone.</li> </ul>

Upper Waitaki Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b>  <b>Recreation and Amenity opportunities</b>  <b>Kaitiakitanga</b>	<b>Support catchment groups taking collective action to reduce losses of contaminants, prioritised where they are addressing identified at-risk areas</b>  <b>Explore opportunities to partner with key community groups who are focused on waterways, such as the Ahuriri Catchment Community Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee held a workshop and field visit on 26 July with the Wairepo Catchment Group to get a better appreciation of the Wairepo Creek restoration project and how this project can be supported.</li> <li>At the committee's September meeting it featured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview from Meridian Energy on the recently notified consents for the Waitaki Hydro Scheme, and other priorities for the company in the Mackenzie Basin.</li> <li>Three applications for support from the 2024/25 CWMS Action Plan Budget from: 1) Wairepo Catchment Group, 2) South Island Rowing Inc, and 3) Glencairn Station.</li> <li>An update on the Love our Lakes campaign, current priorities for ECan Operations, and both the Mackenzie Basin Catchment and Ahuriri Community Catchment Groups.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Lower Waitaki Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
<b>Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity</b> <b>Recreation and Amenity opportunities</b> <b>Kaitiakitanga</b>	<b>Identifying and championing new and existing riparian, stream and wetland projects</b>  <b>Lessen urban activities' impact on Wainono Lagoon</b>  <b>We will advocate and educate for change; and we will involve schools</b>  <b>Engaging with communities to establish and support new and existing catchment and urban groups.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In July the Committee received an update from the Wai Connection – Tatai Ki Te Wai, outlining activities and events they have undertaken in South Canterbury including supporting Ahuriri Community Catchment Group (ACCG), Hakataramea Sustainability Collective, Burkes Pass Heritage Trust and Hae Hae Te Moana community.</li> <li>In September the Committee visited Waimate High School's Environmental group and learn about their amazing plans for setting up eco-sanctuary and agricultural science areas, including regenerative farming. The Committee also visited the Studholme Bush Reserve new planting areas and partially completed wallaby fence. The committee discussed biodiversity corridors and how to work with other groups doing similar projects.</li> </ul>

# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

**Date:** 21 October 2024

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## Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan – governance and implementation

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to outline the proposed implementation and governance arrangements for the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (CCPP) and seek agreement on key aspects of the roles and responsibilities of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group and regional fora.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:**

1. notes that the Canterbury Policy Forum agreed with the recommendations set out in this paper at its meeting on 30 September 2024
2. agrees that the Climate Action Planning Reference Group be disbanded as per the group's terms of reference and that this recommendation is taken to the Mayoral Forum for approval on 29 November 2024
3. agrees to proceed with Option 2 for decision making for the implementation of Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan actions i.e. the Policy Forum is the first approver, and the Chief Executives Forum and Mayoral Forum are the second and third approver respectively for decisions relating to key actions
4. agrees that criteria for key actions in the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan are complexity of scope, cost, and significant number of key stakeholders
5. agrees that the Policy Forum will provide quarterly progress updates to the Chief Executives Forum and Mayoral Forum on the implementation of actions
6. agrees that the Policy Forum provides operational direction, as required, on the implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan actions
7. agrees that the councils leading actions will develop decision papers for their respective actions as and when needed, and speak to those at regional fora
8. agrees that councils will individually update their elected members regarding the implementation progress of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan in a timely manner and in way that is appropriate to their council

9. **notes that the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group will present the scope for the implementation of Year 1 actions at the next Canterbury Policy Forum meeting on 16 December, for its recommendation to the Chief Executives Forum for approval at its meeting in January 2025.**

## **Key points**

2. The Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan was approved by the Mayoral Forum on 30 August 2024 and staff at councils are now initiating the implementation of the actions.
3. Staff have reviewed the previous governance and decision-making structure for the implementation of Partnership Plan actions to ensure that the process is effective and efficient for the implementation phase and to reduce the administrative burden on councils and regional fora.
4. It is recommended that the Canterbury Mayoral Forum is responsible for monitoring and overseeing the implementation of all regional collaborative climate actions, and for taking substantive decisions on key actions i.e. those that are complex in scope, costly or have a significant number of key stakeholders.
5. It is recommended that the majority of operational decisions on action implementation sits with the Policy Forum.

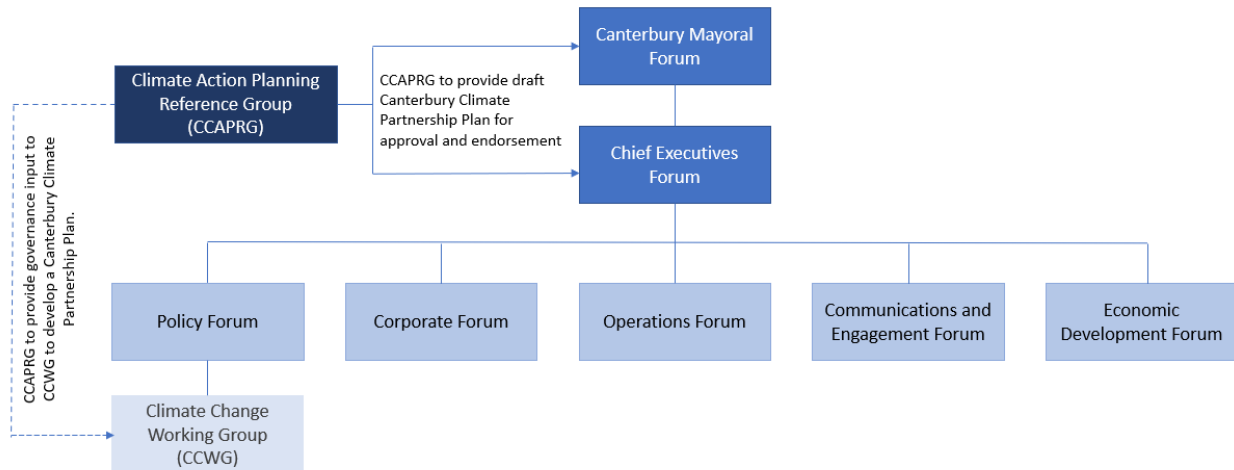
## **Background**

6. Climate change mitigation and adaptation in Canterbury is one of the three priorities under the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025 and the overarching priorities for climate change are reducing their carbon footprint, working together on climate action planning, building community resilience, and making the region's infrastructure as strong as it can be.
7. The Mayoral Forum approved the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (Attachment 2) on 30 August 2024, and councils have initiated the collaborative implementation of regional climate actions.
8. This presents the opportunity to review the governance and decision-making structure for the Plan's implementation, including the roles and responsibilities of the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group and regional fora to ensure the successful and effective implementation of joint climate actions.

## **Climate action governance**

9. As climate change is a priority for the Mayoral Forum and the Partnership Plan is a document of the Mayoral Forum, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum is responsible for monitoring and overseeing the implementation of all regional collaborative climate actions.

10. The previous governance structure for regional climate action planning is shown in Figure 1, with the involved regional fora being the Climate Change Working Group, the Climate Action Planning Reference Group, the Policy-, Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums.



**Figure 1:** Previous climate change governance structure under the Mayoral Forum.

11. For the development of the Partnership Plan, the Reference Group provided governance support, the Policy Forum provided operational input (first approver), the Chief Executives provided organisational input (second approver), and the Mayoral Forum served as the final approvers of key deliverables (e.g. strategic framework, climate actions, and final plan).
12. Staff have reviewed the previous governance and decision-making structure for the implementation of Partnership Plan actions to ensure that the process is effective and efficient for the implementation phase and to reduce the administrative burden on councils and regional fora.
13. Key changes to the previous governance structure are proposed regarding the Climate Action Planning Reference Group, and two options for decision making are outlined in Table 1 for the Chief Executive Forum's feedback.

## Reference Group

14. The Climate Action Planning Reference Group, made up of elected members from each of the Canterbury councils, was formed specifically to provide governance input into the development of the Plan. The group has fulfilled its purpose as per the current terms of reference.
15. Reference Group members expressed that there should be effective oversight, monitoring and evaluation of the Plan as it is implemented to ensure accountability to ratepayers. Members of the group were supportive of continuing in their roles or shifting oversight of implementation to the Mayoral Forum.

16. Given climate change is one of the Mayoral Forum's top priorities, staff recommend governance for the implementation of the Partnership Plan sits with the Mayoral Forum itself and responsibility for governance input is not delegated to a reference or steering group going forward.
17. The recommendation to disband the Reference Group and for the Mayoral Forum to govern the implementation of the CCPP was discussed at the Policy Forum on 30 September 2024. The recommendation received good support, and one member of the Policy Forum reported they had discussed the proposal with their councillor representative on the Reference Group who had also supported the disbandment of the Group.

### Options for effective decision making during CCPP action implementation

18. Two options for decision making for Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan implementation have been identified in Table 1, based on the following criteria:
- effective decision-making processes
  - accountability and oversight
  - reduction in administrative burden.

**Table 1:** Decision making for Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan implementation.

Decision Making	Option 1	Option 2 (Recommended)
Who	What	
CPF (first approver)	All CCPP actions	All CCPP actions
CEF (second approver)	All CCPP actions	Key actions*
CMF (third approver)	All CCPP actions	Key actions

\*Key actions: action 1: risk visualisation tool, action 2: emissions reduction, action 3: adaptation planning, action 4: development of a region wide blue-green network.

19. **Option 1** would see decisions on actions being brought to the Policy Forum (first approver), Chief Executives Forum (second approver), and Mayoral Forum (third/final approver) when and as needed.
20. This option:
- maintains the current 3-tier structure for action implementation, direction, oversight, and approval through the Policy Forum, Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums
  - ensures multiple layers of governance, direction, oversight, consultation, accountability, and transparency
  - fulfils accountability and oversight criteria

- results in heavy administrative burden, potential over-consultation of Chief Executives and Mayors, slower decision-making, compromised timeframes
- does not fulfil criteria of efficient decision-making or reduced administrative burden

21. Staff do not recommend Option 1.

22. **Option 2** would see decisions on some actions being brought to the Policy Forum and key actions to the Chief Executives and Mayoral Forum. It is suggested that actions that are complex in scope, costly, and have a significant number of key stakeholders could be considered key actions, i.e. action 1: risk visualisation tool, action 2: emissions reduction, action 3: adaptation planning, action 4: development of a region wide blue-green network. Staff can bring further advice on key actions to the Mayoral Forum at their next meeting if this option is supported.

23. This option:

- shifts increased oversight of action implementation to the Policy Forum due to the operational nature of actions
- provides for the Chief Executives Forum and Mayoral Forum to retain governance-level oversight for key actions
- reduces administrative burden, allowing for better resource allocation toward implementation
- supports project delivery within agreed timeframes
- reduces over-consultation of Chief Executives and Mayors
- fulfils criteria of efficient decision-making, accountability and oversight, and reduced administrative burden.

24. Staff recommend Option 2.

25. Since it is recommended that the previous elected member Reference Group be disbanded as per the terms of reference and to improve accountability and ensure transparency across all 11 councils in Canterbury, it is recommended that Working Group members provide progress updates on the implementation of the Partnership Plan to their elected members, as and when deemed appropriate by individual councils.

### **Reporting frequency during implementation of the CCPP actions**

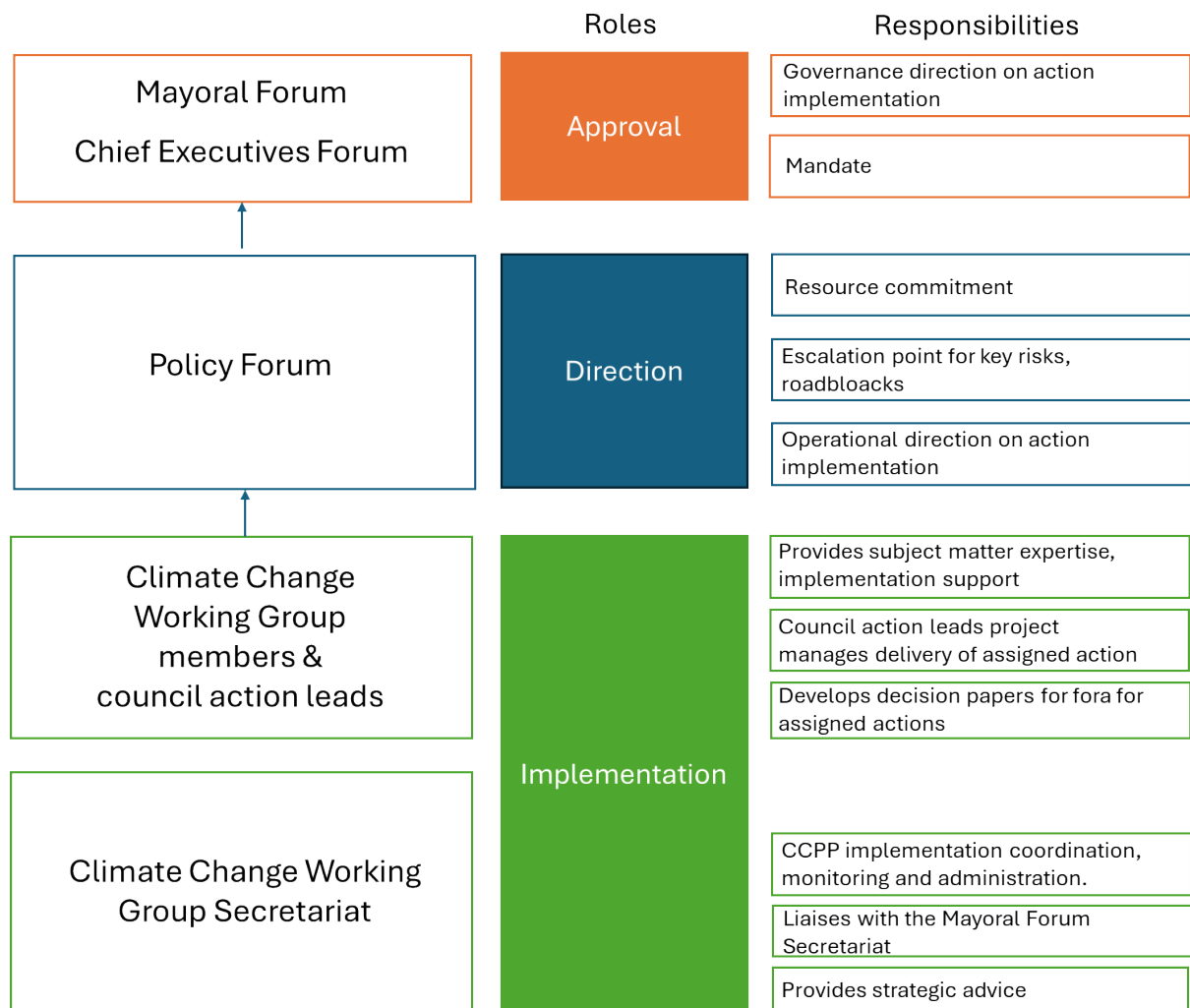
26. Staff recommend that quarterly reporting on the progress of action implementation occurs to the Policy, Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums to ensure transparency and oversight.

### **Roles and responsibilities during implementation of the CCPP actions**

27. Figure 2 outlines a high-level overview of the proposed roles and responsibilities of all involved groups to ensure the successful and efficient implementation and governance of actions.

28. The Climate Change Working Group will continue as the technical working group to lead the implementation of agreed climate actions and provide subject matter expertise.
29. It is recommended council action leads develop decision papers for their respective actions as and when needed. The action lead agencies' respective Policy, Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums members would be asked to speak to the paper at regional fora or delegate to their Climate Change Working Group member. This suggested approach promotes shared responsibility for the delivery of actions, adhering to a true Partnership approach for action implementation.
30. The Policy Forum will continue to provide operational direction, as required, on the implementation of actions, and would be the first point of contact for any key risks and/or roadblocks. The Chief Executives and Mayoral Forums will be responsible for providing governance direction.
31. The Policy Forum will continue to provide quarterly progress updates to the Chief Executives Forum and Mayoral Forum on the implementation of actions, developed and fronted by the Climate Change Working Group secretariat and convenor.
32. Environment Canterbury's Climate Change & Community Resilience team will continue to support the work of the Mayoral Forum by providing secretariat services, strategic advice and leading the Climate Change Working Group to implement the plan. They will continue to provide regular progress reporting to the Policy, Chief Executives, and Mayoral Forum on the scope, budget, deliverables and any key issues.





**Figure 2:** High level roles and responsibilities for Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan implementation and governance.

### Operational and financial aspects of CCPP implementation

33. The implementation of actions is shared between councils, specifically Hurunui, Waimakariri, Christchurch City, Selwyn, and Ashburton District Councils, Environment Canterbury, and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. Other councils have indicated they will support the implementation of actions in some capacity.
34. An implementation overview from the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan is appended as Attachment 2. This shows the suite of collaborative climate actions, timeframes, lead agencies and resourcing.
35. The Plan focuses on the first three years of councils' Long-Term Plans 2024-2034, with a review proposed in Year 3.
36. Councils have agreed to fund regional collective climate actions through their Long-Term Plans (LTPs) 2024-34 or Annual Plans 2024-2025, with a total of \$1.47 million for

the first 3 years (\$100,432 to be confirmed through Waimate and Waitaki District Council's LTPs 2025-2034).

37. Environment Canterbury, as the secretariat to the Climate Change Working Group, proposes to invoice councils to transfer the designated annual contributions into a centralised fund for action implementation.
38. Year 1 (2024/2025) has a total of \$190,000 attributed to the collaborative implementation of actions. All actions will be initiated in year 1 and proposed scopes of the actions to be completed in year 1 will be provided to the Policy Forum for feedback at its next meeting.
39. Four actions will be completed in Year 1 2024-2025:
  - a. Action 4.1 - Develop a Canterbury wide natural ecosystem climate change risk and vulnerability assessment (led by Environment Canterbury).
  - b. Action 8.2 – Explore the feasibility of a Canterbury Climate Commitment that inspires and unites businesses and communities to accelerate climate action (led by Canterbury Mayoral Forum).
  - c. Action 9.1 - Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation plan which includes the co-development of climate related indicators appropriate to Canterbury (led by Environment Canterbury).
  - d. Action 10 - Assemble and coordinate an implementation team to ensure the successful delivery and implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (led by Environment Canterbury).

## **Cost, compliance and communication**

### **Financial implications**

40. There are no financial implications for the recommendations provided in this paper.

### **Risk assessment and legal compliance**

41. No legal compliance risks have been identified for the recommendations provided in this paper.
42. Decision making option 1 (Table 1) may delay action implementation due to the 3-tier decision structure, risking delivery timelines.
43. Staff will provide information on risks and mitigation measures for action implementation as part of the action scopes at the next meeting.

### **Next steps**

44. Based on the Chief Executives Forum's agreement on the recommendations, staff will seek approval from the Mayoral Forum at their meeting in November 2024.

45. Staff will provide proposed action scopes for Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan Year 1 actions to the Policy and Chief Executives Forums for input at their next meetings.

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1: Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (pdf)

Attachment 2: Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan Implementation Overview





# ***It's time, Canterbury!***

***The Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan***

# ***Kua tae te wā, Waitaha***

***Te Mahere Huringa Āhuarangi o Waitaha***

Local government climate actions for Canterbury 2024-2027







# ***It's time, Canterbury – Let's act now for a liveable prosperous future***

***Kua tae te wā, Waitaha - Me whakarite  
ināiane ki ora rawa te apōpō!***

**Foreword from the Chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum  
– Mayor Nigel Bowen and Chair of the Canterbury Climate  
Action Planning Reference Group – Mayor Dan Gordon.**

Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, and it affects us all. To tackle climate change and its impacts effectively, we know we must work together. By joining forces and taking bold, collective climate action here in Waitaha/Canterbury, we unlock a multitude of benefits for our communities and can even transform risks into opportunities.

All 11 councils in Canterbury have worked together to develop this plan – the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan – which sets out how we intend to work together and with others to support our transition to a thriving, climate-resilient, low-emissions region. Every council in Canterbury is already involved with climate action in their city, district, or region. The Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan doesn't detract from that work. Instead, this plan joins the dots, enabling us to align our work programmes, create efficiencies, and provide regional solutions to shared problems.

In drafting this plan, we've sought to get the best 'bang for buck' for Canterbury residents while accelerating the scale and pace of climate action for current and future generations. The ten climate actions in this plan are the key first steps in our journey towards a sustainable future. It's time to work together, Canterbury.



**Mayor Nigel Bowen**  
*Chair, Canterbury  
Mayoral Forum*



**Mayor Dan Gordon**  
*Chair, Canterbury Climate  
Action Planning Reference Group*







# ***He Whakataukī Ārahi o Ngāi Tahu***

*Ko ngā maunga, ko Te  
Tiritiri o Te Moana*

*Ko Aoraki te Kaihautū*

*Ko ngā awa, ngā awa huka  
e rere ana ki te moana*

*Ko te whenua, Ngā Pākihi  
Whakatekateka o Waitaha  
Tihei mauri ora!*

*The mountains are the  
Southern Alps,*

*watched over by Aoraki;*

*The rivers are the snow-fed  
rivers whose waters flow out  
to the ocean;*

*The land of the Canterbury  
Plains is where people walk  
proudly.*

*Listen up – our life force  
is alive!*



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*Canterbury Climate Change Working Group*

*Canterbury Climate Action Reference Group*

*Elected members and staff from partnering councils:*

*Christchurch City Council*

*Ashburton District Council*

*Hurunui District Council*

*Kaikōura District Council*

*Mackenzie District Council*

*Selwyn District Council*

*Timaru District Council*

*Waimakariri District Council*

*Waimate District Council*

*Waitaki District Council*

*Environment Canterbury Regional Council*

*Canterbury Climate Change Working Group and Reference Group Secretariat and Project Lead*

*Canterbury Mayoral Forum Secretariat*

*Environment Canterbury Climate Change and Community Resilience Team*

*Community & Public Health Te Mana Ora*

*It's time, Canterbury project team and Communications Sub-group*

*Any key stakeholders or people generous with their time developing and reviewing the document.*

### *Mana whenua*

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum acknowledges Ngāi Tahu as the mana whenua of Waitaha; the 10 Papatipu Rūnanga of Waitaha who hold rangatiratanga over their takiwā, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the tribal authority.

We also acknowledge the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment Rūnanga Project Steering Group, Environment Canterbury Regional Council's Tumo Taiao at the time, and the TUIA team, who were instrumental in shaping the base to inform this Plan.

We also wish to acknowledge Benita Wakefield who sadly passed away in 2023, but who was instrumental in shaping the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment - Moe mai rā e te māreikura.



# **Executive summary**

## *Whakarāpopotonga*

## *Whakahaere*

### **Councils in Canterbury have joined forces to deliver bold climate actions in Canterbury/Waitaha.**

All 11 councils in Canterbury have worked together to develop the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan which sets out how we intend to work together and with others to support our transition to a thriving, climate-resilient, low-emissions region.

The Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan sets out our vision of a thriving, climate resilient, low-emissions Canterbury. There are six key outcomes and objectives we are seeking through delivery of our ten primary actions and supporting sub-actions. We have developed eight principles which underpin the development and implementation of this plan. These are the values by which we will approach collective climate action in Canterbury.

In June 2024, councils agreed to fund regional collective climate actions through their Long-Term Plans 2024-34 and a total of \$1.47 million has been confirmed for the first 3 years. Further funding beyond the initial three years will be sought through future annual and long-term plan reviews, and by identifying and taking advantage of co-funding opportunities with key stakeholders.



# Strategic framework

## Anga Rautaki

### Vision Te Tirohanga

Our collective purpose and guiding star for climate action in Canterbury

**A thriving, climate resilient, low-emissions Canterbury**

### Principles Ngā Mātāpono

The values by which we will approach climate action in Canterbury

**Treaty based**

**Solutions focused**

**Collaborative**

**Inclusive**

**Equitable**

**Informed**

**Intergenerational**

**Bold**

### Outcomes Ngā Putanga

The desired future state for Canterbury in a changing climate



#### **A healthy environment**

Our healthy environment enables our communities to thrive.



#### **An equitable and inclusive transition**

Our communities are empowered through an equitable and inclusive transition to a low-emissions and climate resilient future.



#### **Prosperity**

Our environmental, cultural, economic, and social wellbeing is improved by identifying and taking early opportunities to mitigate and adapt to climate change.



#### **Adapted and resilient communities**

Our communities are resilient and have the necessary infrastructure, knowledge, and tools they need to adapt to climate change.



#### **Emissions reduction**

Greenhouse gas emissions reductions are achieved in line with our national and international commitments at a minimum.



#### **Climate action leadership**

Canterbury is a leader in climate change mitigation, adaptation, and inclusive climate action planning promoting the four wellbeings.

### Objectives Ngā Whāinga

What we want to achieve through regional joint climate action

#### **Objective one**

To work with science, nature and Mātauranga Māori to reduce climate vulnerability and improve resilience.

#### **Objective two**

To enable transformational action in an inclusive and equitable way.

#### **Objective three**

To maximise co-benefits and identify opportunities for co-funding and financing climate actions.

#### **Objective four**

To inform and empower communities to be prepared, improve their resilience and adapt to climate change.

#### **Objective five**

To collaborate with communities to use available solutions and encourage behaviour change to achieve a smart, innovative, low-emissions future.

#### **Objective six**

To ensure climate change is prioritised in all local government decision making processes in Canterbury.

# Regional climate actions

## Mahi Āhuarangi a-Rohe

- 1** Understanding climate risks and improving resilience
 

Understand climate hazards and risks in Canterbury to support evidence-based decision making and improve regional resilience.
- 2** Emissions reduction
 

Work together across the region to build equitable, inclusive pathways, targets, and key actions to support New Zealand's commitments towards global greenhouse gas emissions reduction.
- 3** Adaptation planning
 

Support best practice approaches for local adaptation planning with communities taking a Treaty based approach.
- 4** Nature-based solutions
 

Facilitate the development of a Canterbury blue-green network to increase natural capital, indigenous biodiversity and offer nature-based solutions to climate change effects.
- 5** Climate change education and advocacy to support communities
 

Support community understanding about the local impacts of climate change and promote individual and collective climate action.
- 6** Supporting Papatipu Rūnanga
 

Support Papatipu Rūnanga with climate action and provide opportunities for their involvement with Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan projects.
- 7** Integrating climate change considerations into council processes
 

Work collaboratively to build local government capability and enhance its capacity to adapt in a changing climate.
- 8** Climate funding and financing
 

Identify and leverage co-funding and financing opportunities for climate adaptation and resilience.
- 9** Monitoring and evaluation
 

Monitor and report on progress towards achieving the actions and outcomes of the Partnership Plan.
- 10** Implementation
 

Assemble an implementation team to ensure the successful delivery and implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.



# Waitaha Canterbury

## our region, our home

### Waitaha, Tō Tātou Rohe, Tō Tātou Kāinga

**Situated on the eastern coast of New Zealand's Te Waipounamu South Island, the Canterbury region is renowned for its stunning landscapes, diverse ecosystems, strong economy, and vibrant communities.**

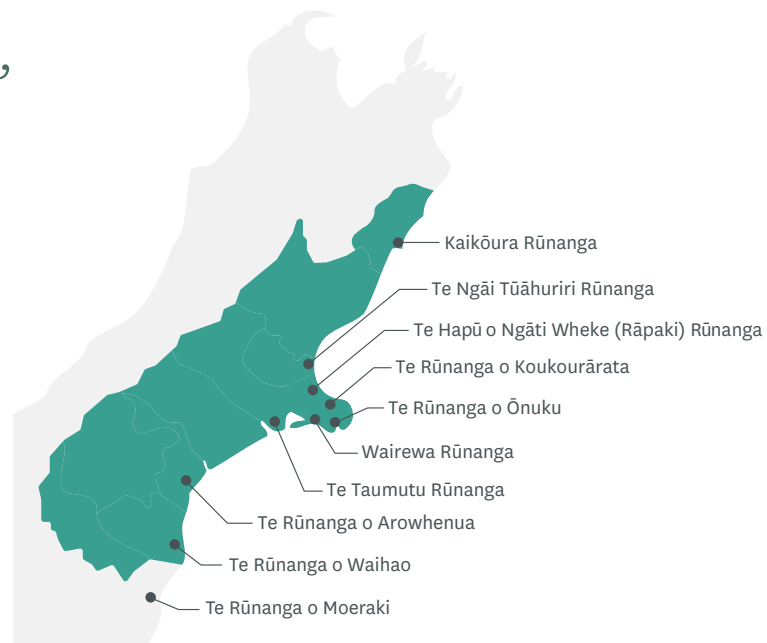
From the snowcapped peaks of Kā Tiritiri o Te Moana, the Southern Alps, to Kā Pakihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha, the Canterbury Plains, the region boasts a rich tapestry of natural history and cultural heritage. Canterbury is unique – it is New Zealand's largest region in area and its coastline is long and diverse, stretching from north of Kaikōura to the Waitaki River, with more than 4,700 lakes and tarns, and over 78,000 km of rivers and streams. Most of Canterbury's 599,694 residents<sup>1</sup> live near or on the coast. The population of Canterbury is projected to grow at the same rate of growth as Aotearoa New Zealand's total population, on average, 0.8% per year between 2018 and 2048.

Ngāi Tahu is the iwi of Waitaha, Canterbury. There are ten papatipu rūnanga in Canterbury who are mana whenua within their takiwā.

Canterbury is already experiencing the effects of climate change. In recent years, we've seen droughts, floods, fires, changing rainfall patterns, extreme weather events and coastal erosion impacting our region. These events are happening with greater frequency and intensity. Our long coastline is also changing with slower onset changes such as sea level rise.

*We know that Canterbury's climate will become warmer, wetter, windier and wilder.*

These changes will affect us all and the things we value most: our people (he tangata), the environment (taiao) and biodiversity (rerenga rauropi), our infrastructure (ngā waihanga), our economy and prosperity (ōhanga),



our wellbeing (hauora), connection to place and sense of community (whakapapa and hāpori). The wellbeing of some communities and individuals is likely to be more affected than others, particularly those who are already vulnerable because of economic, social, health and/or cultural reasons.

Rising temperatures will significantly affect our health (ora), land use, water (wai), energy (hihiri), food (kai) security, natural ecosystems, and recreation.

Canterbury councils see and deal with the impact of a changing climate first hand, including its impact on the environment, infrastructure, businesses, and people's lives. With commitment, collaboration, and planning, local government can lead and support communities in adapting to climate change, building resilience, and reducing their emissions.

## Mayoral Forum Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum is the primary mechanism for local government communication, co-ordination and collaboration in Canterbury. Climate change mitigation and adaptation in Canterbury is one of the three priorities under the *Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025*.

<sup>1</sup> 2018 Census data about Canterbury Region retrieved from <https://www.stats.govt.nz/tools/2018-census-place-summaries/canterbury-region>.



Although the Mayoral Forum continues to advocate for governance and decision-making to be devolved to the level of government closest to affected communities, the challenge of taking effective and sustained climate action requires us to work together more than we ever have before.

*For the Mayors of Canterbury, the overarching priorities for climate change are reducing our carbon footprint, working together on climate action planning, building community resilience, and making our infrastructure as strong as it can be. The Plan for Canterbury also highlights the importance we place on playing our part to ensure water, food, and energy security for the region.*

## The Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan

All Canterbury councils acknowledge that climate change is a significant, long-term challenge, and that we all share a role in adapting and driving solutions to this challenge. Canterbury councils are at different stages of strategy development and action planning and have varying resources available to implement action.

The Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan is about councils pulling together to help Canterbury thrive and prosper in a changing climate; it's our collective vision for a better future. This Plan is also a testament to councils' long-term commitment to working together to tackle climate change, serve our communities and safeguard our environment and the things we love for generations to come.

Importantly, the actions included in the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan are intended to complement, not duplicate or detract from, the climate efforts of individual councils. The Partnership Plan actions will enable councils to advance their own climate change knowledge and gain momentum with local action.

## The benefits of regional collaboration on climate action

There are many benefits to taking regional climate actions. The challenge of climate change response means that we will only be successful if we strengthen our working relationships and help each other on this journey.

### Regional leadership and community focus

Climate change will have significant physical, economic, and socio-cultural impacts on our communities. Partnering on climate action allows for joint leadership to address these issues and collectively improve the four wellbeings for Canterbury communities.

### A united voice and enhanced influence

Our united voice carries greater weight in advocating for our region's needs to central government. By presenting a unified front, we can help shape legislation and policy and secure climate action funding and finance that aligns with our shared climate objectives.

### Leveraging collective resources, sharing knowledge and expertise

Together, we possess a wealth of expertise, resources, and knowledge. By pooling our strengths, we can learn from each other and achieve far more than any one council could alone. From shared research and funding opportunities to coordinated projects, collaboration amplifies our regional impact.

### Maximising efficiency

Reducing duplication of efforts and streamlining processes, collaboration allows us to achieve greater efficiencies in implementing climate initiatives across Canterbury. With coordinated efforts, we can achieve results faster and more effectively, delivering tangible benefits to our communities.

### Fostering innovation

Collaboration sparks creativity and innovation. By sharing ideas and best practices, we can inspire new approaches to tackling climate challenges. Through collaborative research and pilot projects, we can experiment with cutting-edge solutions and pioneer new, sustainable ways of doing things.

### Building resilience

Climate change does not stop at district or regional borders. By collaborating across councils and looking beyond to our neighbouring regions, we can develop comprehensive resilience strategies that protect all our communities from the impacts of extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and other climate-related risks.



# Our changing climate

## Tō Tātou Huringa Āhuarangi

### Greenhouse gas emissions

For hundreds of years, human activities have released increasing amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. These gases trap heat from the sun, causing warming and resulting in a changing climate. Since the 1950s, greenhouse gas emissions have greatly accelerated and are now driving the significant levels of climate change that we are experiencing today.

There are two types of greenhouse gas emissions to consider - long-lived and short-lived gases.

Long-lived gases stay in the atmosphere over very long timescales after they have been produced. Carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide are examples of long-lived gases.

Short-lived gases remain in the atmosphere for less time than long lived gases but have a greater warming impact in the short term. Biogenic methane is an example of a short-lived gas.

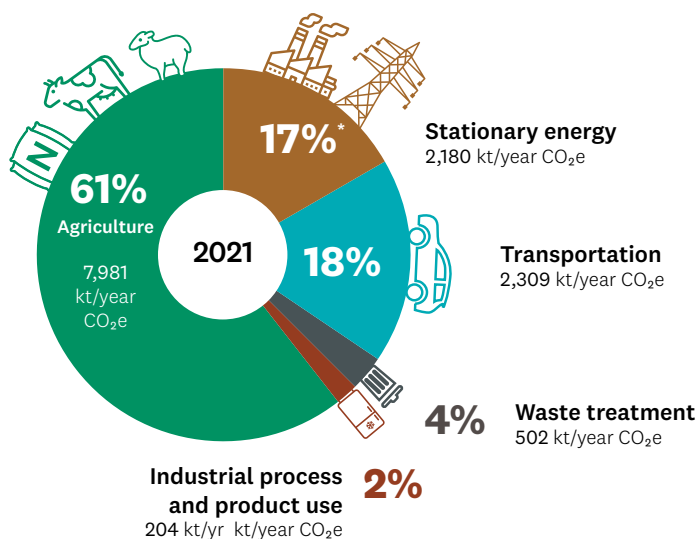
Both long and short-lived greenhouse gases need to be reduced to successfully reach New Zealand's climate change commitments.

The Canterbury Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (2021) is a key tool in our climate action work that will enable us to track changes to emissions over time, assess different mitigation options, and evaluate the effect of central and local government policies on regional emissions.

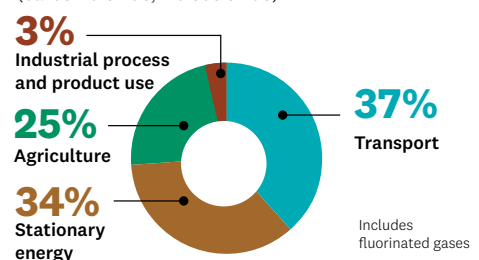
The Emissions Inventory (see Figure 1) shows us that agriculture produced around a quarter of the region's long-lived greenhouse gases and most of the biogenic methane emissions, totalling around 61% of overall gross emissions. Stationary energy and transport each produced around a third of long-lived greenhouse gas emissions in Canterbury. Waste, and industrial processes and product use, each contributed relatively small amounts of greenhouse gases.

The best available scientific advice says that holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels is necessary to limit the most severe climate change effects.

Greenhouse gas emissions in Carbon dioxide equivalents



Long-lived gases  
(carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide)



Short-lived gases  
(methane)

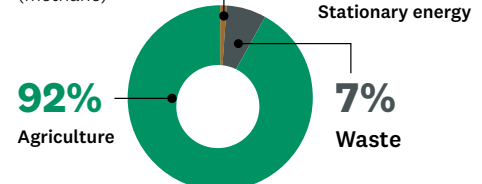


Figure 1: Canterbury's greenhouse gas emissions, 2021. Note: inventory does not include sequestration. (NB. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number, so charts do not add to exactly 100%)

New Zealand, along with 195 other members of the United Nations, signed the Paris Agreement in 2015 to ensure that global warming is limited to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. This agreement commits signatory countries to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change by reducing national greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with Nationally Determined Contributions.

Canterbury has an important role to play in contributing to national and global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere and we're not too small to make a difference. In fact, Canterbury, blessed with sun, water and wind, is well placed for a successful clean energy transition to a low-emissions future. We can also make big gains with emissions reduction by transitioning to more sustainable transport and agricultural practices.

The best action we can take to help mitigate the effects of global warming is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at source. In addition to this, we can also help remove carbon from the atmosphere by sequestering or storing carbon. However, even when we do reduce global emissions, some climate change effects, and their consequences, are already locked in due to the time lag between generating the emissions and the impacts being felt. This is why adaptation – taking action to prepare for and adjust to current and projected impacts of climate change – is also important.

## **Aotearoa New Zealand's emissions reduction targets and plans**

Greenhouse gas emissions targets are limits that scientists and policy makers set in their plans to combat climate change. The aim is to halt the increasing emissions and their impact. Aotearoa New Zealand's first emissions reduction plan Te hau marohi ki anamata (2022) contains strategies, policies and actions for achieving our first emissions budget and contributing to global efforts to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Aotearoa New Zealand has made commitments to the following international and domestic emissions targets:

Domestic targets under the Climate Change Response Act (2022)<sup>2</sup>:

- Net zero<sup>3</sup> emissions of all greenhouse gas emissions other than biogenic methane by 2050.
- 24 to 47 per cent reduction below 2017 biogenic methane emissions by 2050, including 10 per cent reduction below 2017 biogenic methane emissions by 2030.

Aotearoa New Zealand's emissions budgets set ambitious and achievable short-term targets that will put us on track to meet these commitments, and national emissions reduction plans lay out strategies, goals and actions to meet these budgets.



<sup>2</sup> [www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0040/latest/whole.html#DLM158590](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0040/latest/whole.html#DLM158590)

<sup>3</sup> Net zero emissions are achieved when anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere are balanced by anthropogenic removals over a specified period. (IPCC, [www.ipcc.ch/sr15/chapter/glossary/](http://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/chapter/glossary/))





## Climate risks in Canterbury

Canterbury is a large region, with varied geography and environments. This means that risks and impacts of climate change will occur in different ways across Canterbury, and direct and indirect risks<sup>4</sup> will increase over time. Some risks will be experienced more often and more intensely in some districts and not in others. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum published the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment in early 2022, which was designed to build a shared understanding of climate change risks across the region and to help us prepare and respond effectively. Figure 2 to the right illustrates some of the key risks which will be felt around the region. In the coming decades, many climate change risks to our region are anticipated to become high or extreme. Detailed information on climate risks and impacts in Canterbury can be found on the [Canterbury Mayoral Forum website](#).

<sup>4</sup> Direct risks are those where there is a direct link between a hazard and an element at risk that is exposed and vulnerable e.g. droughts leading to crop failure. Indirect risks are risks that are not directly impacted by physical changes in climate e.g. impacts on mental health, disruptions to supply chains, social wellbeing, and cohesion. (MfE, 2021)

### Urban Centres

For all communities, risks from climate hazards generally include damage to infrastructure from flooding, and disruption to transport routes and supply chains. Changing climate conditions also pose a risk to supporting utilities such as landfills and power supply.

Ōtautahi/Christchurch is our biggest city. It is a major social and economic hub for the Canterbury Region. The low lying, coastal position of much of the city makes it very exposed to flooding and sea level rise. This poses widespread risk to Christchurch's communities and infrastructure. There is a risk that community cohesion will reduce as a result of increasing climate related damages. People's physical and mental health may also be impacted by changing markets and job availability.

### Canterbury Plains

The fertile lowlands of Canterbury are highly important to agriculture. An increasing temperature poses risk of increased heat stress in stock, as well as increases in the occurrence of pests and invasive species. Increased drought potential may introduce a range of stresses, including impacting on water availability. Increased storms, wind, and flooding may increase erosion, and damage crops, pasture, stock, and infrastructure.

Figure 2: Climate risks in the Canterbury (source Tonkin & Taylor (2022) Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment)

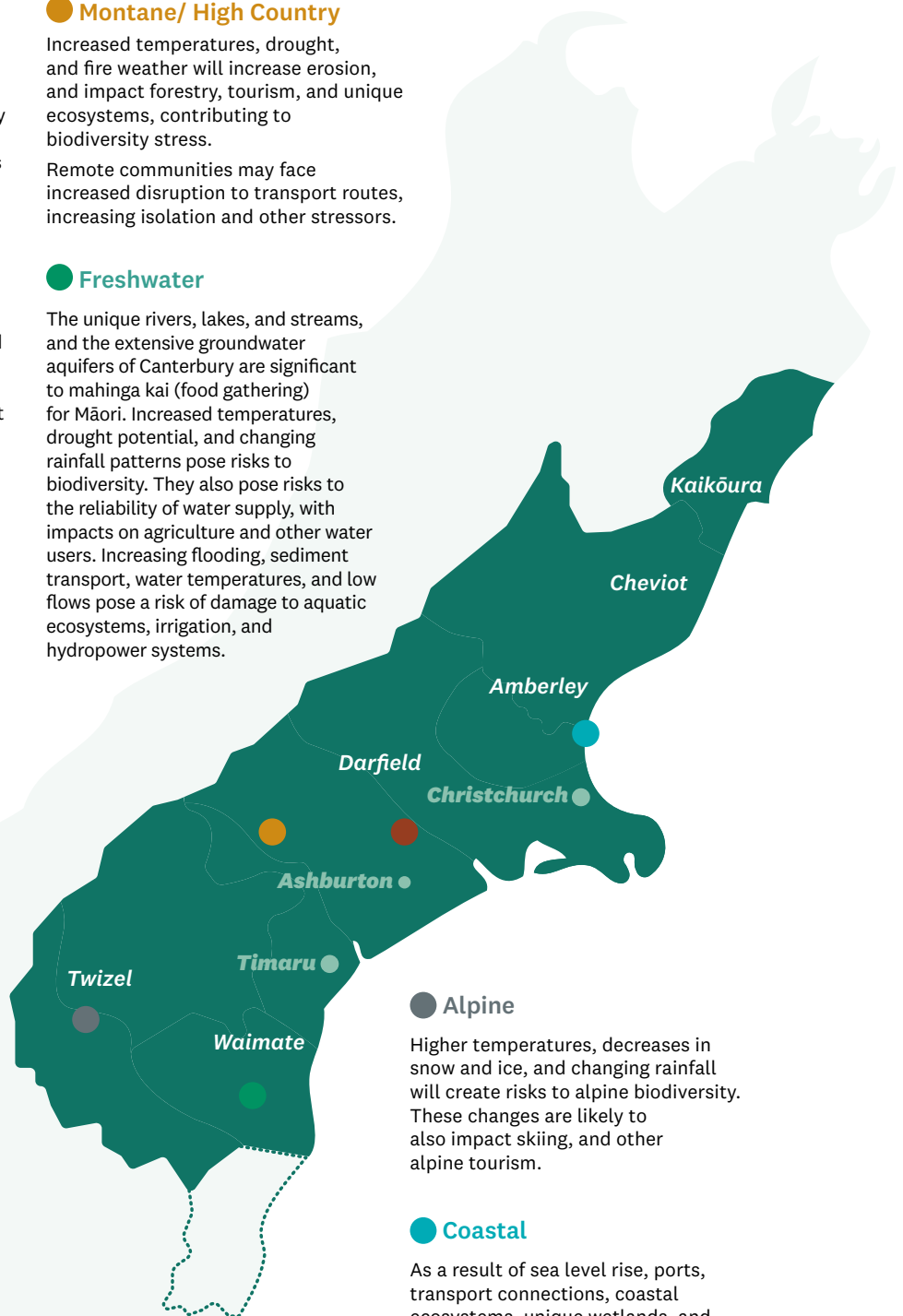
### Montane/ High Country

Increased temperatures, drought, and fire weather will increase erosion, and impact forestry, tourism, and unique ecosystems, contributing to biodiversity stress.

Remote communities may face increased disruption to transport routes, increasing isolation and other stressors.

### Freshwater

The unique rivers, lakes, and streams, and the extensive groundwater aquifers of Canterbury are significant to mahinga kai (food gathering) for Māori. Increased temperatures, drought potential, and changing rainfall patterns pose risks to biodiversity. They also pose risks to the reliability of water supply, with impacts on agriculture and other water users. Increasing flooding, sediment transport, water temperatures, and low flows pose a risk of damage to aquatic ecosystems, irrigation, and hydropower systems.



### Alpine

Higher temperatures, decreases in snow and ice, and changing rainfall will create risks to alpine biodiversity. These changes are likely to also impact skiing, and other alpine tourism.

### Coastal

As a result of sea level rise, ports, transport connections, coastal ecosystems, unique wetlands, and communities at the coastal fringe will be exposed to increasing risk of coastal flooding, salinity stress, and erosion. Changes in temperature and ocean chemistry will impact fisheries and marine ecosystems. This will result in increased mortality and changing populations of some species, and changes in behaviour patterns such as migration routes.

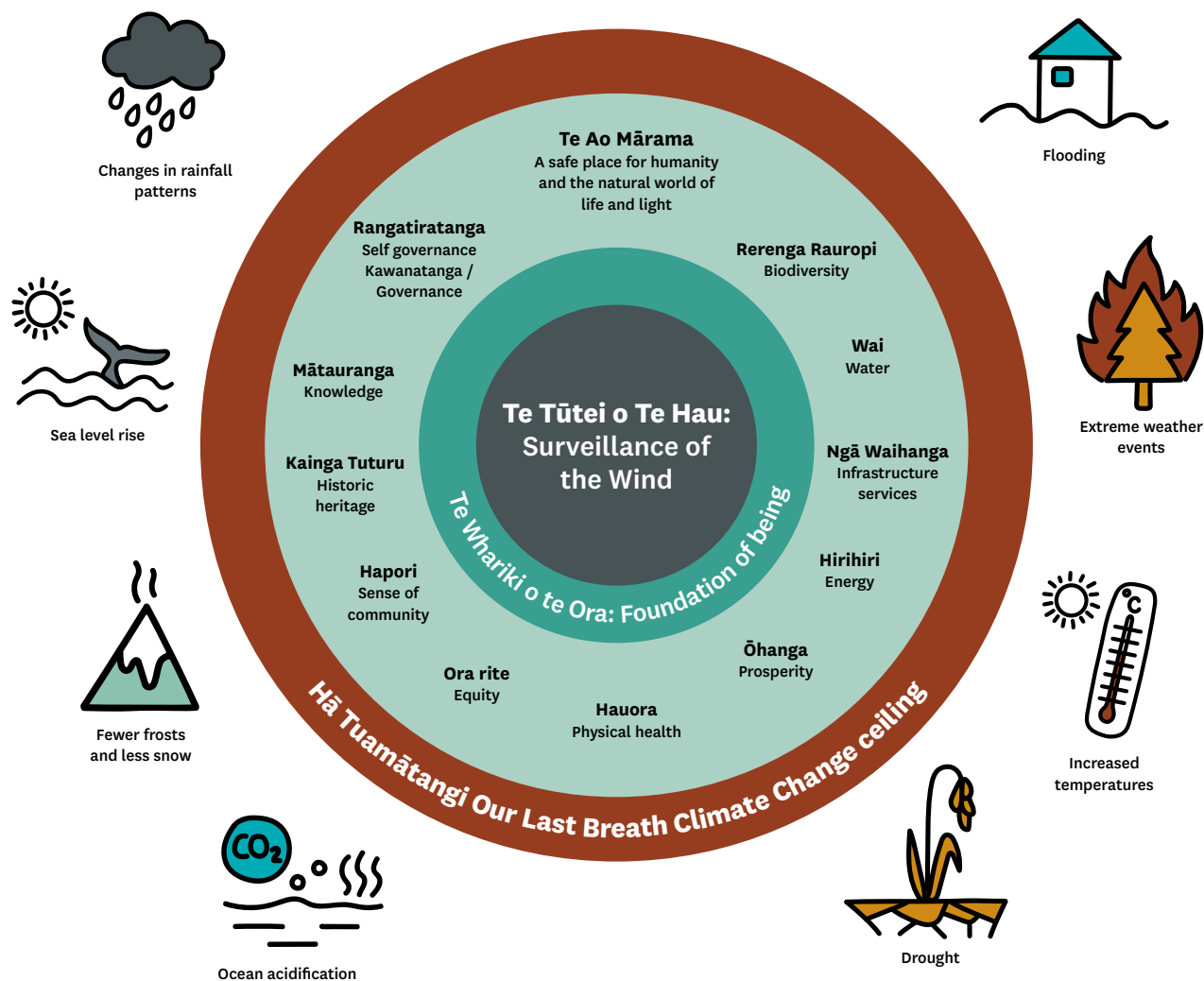


## ***What matters most - Climate change in Canterbury***

**During the development of the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment, a Rūnanga Project Steering Group was formed to help develop an integrated risk assessment framework, specific to our region.**

The risk assessment centred around a framework that aligns both a Te Ao Māori worldview and the National Climate Change Risk Assessment framework. The name of the framework was gifted as 'Te Tūtei o Te Hau, Surveillance of the Wind'. In Te Ao Māori, the wind named 'Te Tūtei o Te Hau' is a guardian, an alert system, for the environment. When considering the effects of climate change, observations are collated and considered against this framework, our alert system, for understanding climate risk. The framework is presented as a series of circles, reflecting the circular nature of the world in which humans exist. At its core is the name gifted for the framework which draws on the whakapapa above.

*Shown outside the rings are the key climate impacts that we face*



### **Te Whāriki o te Ora**

The dark green ring represents whakapapa, or genealogical connection, that extends from the spiritual realm to that of the human domain. It recognises that humans cannot exist without basic needs and a social foundation.

### **Te Ao Mārama**

The light green ring represents the area in which humans can exist when we are functioning within the capacity of our ecosystems. Ngā pono (the values) identified within this circle are critical for us to understand and respond to when considering climate risk.

### **Hā Tuamātangi**

The red ring represents the upper limit in which humans, environments and ecosystems can continue to exist. Beyond this boundary, it is no longer possible to respond to risks proactively.

This framework guided our thinking when developing collaborative climate actions in the region.



# Working together for climate action in Canterbury

## Mahi Tahi Hei Mahi Āhuarangi Ki Waitaha

Councils and Papatipu Rūnanga around Canterbury have been ramping up climate action efforts in their districts. Here is a snapshot of progress across the region.

### Papatipu Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

Ngā Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu are undertaking climate action planning work in the region. The following initiatives outline some of the climate action works. However, the Mayoral Forum recognises that this is not an exhaustive list, as there are numerous ongoing efforts across the region.

- **Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu** has developed its Climate Change Strategy Te Tāhū o te Whāriki (Anchoring the Foundations) and Action Plan (Te Kounga Paparangi). Te Kounga Paparangi is grounded across eight pou. Emit no Greenhouse Gasses, Marae & Whānau Resilience, Careful Wai (Water) Use, Operations Do Not Harm Environment, Operations Do Not Harm Ecosystems, Eliminate Waste, Grow Renewable Energy and Education & Communication.
- **Ōnuku Rūnanga** has recently published Te Kori a Te Kō, a whānau-focused plan to integrate mahinga kai management with a climate change adaptation and mitigation plan in Akaroa harbour. Ōnuku Rūnanga have signalled their intent to collaborate widely on the implementation of this plan.
- **Te Taumutu Rūnanga** published their climate strategy in 2024 to empower Taumutu whānau to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The strategy centres around four pou (rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga, ruahikihikitanga and oranga), and aims to build on the mahi whānau are already doing, like the possible relocation of the marae and restoration of the surrounding whenua.
- **Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata** is currently working with their whānau to develop their own marae-centred climate action plan, and alongside this, are also working in collaboration with Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury on climate adaptation planning in the wider Koukourarata and Whakaraupō area.



- Innovative Waste Kaikōura Ltd received a Ministry for the Environment Green Ribbon Award in 2002.
- The Council has taken part in a number of initiatives such as Green Globe 21 & Trees for Travellers.
- The council undertook a review of natural hazards within the district (excluding coastal hazards) in partnership with Environment Canterbury. Flood modelling considered the effects of climate change.
- In 2009, Council developed the 'A to B Carbon Free' – Kaikōura Walking and Cycling Strategy (up for renewal).
- The council developed a waste management and minimisation plan in 2021 which recognises the need for modification of residents purchasing practices by influencing through community education and advocacy to central government. This is up for review in 2024/25.
- The council has developed a draft climate change policy, which will be reviewed to ensure alignment with this Plan.



- Hurunui District Council tracked its emissions through greenhouse gas emissions inventories from 2018 to 2023.
- The council commissioned a Coastline Hazard and Risk Assessment report in 2020. This was followed by the Coastal Conversations project in 2020 to identify coastal hazards affecting communities in the district and to understand how these hazards will change over the next 100 years.
- Three out of five communities in the Coastal Conversations project have developed Coastal Adaptation Plans (CAPs) outlining approaches for managing risk to the settlement.
- The Council's Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2023 outlines the goals to improve efficiency in the waste network, influence and encourage waste reduction in the community, and reduce harmful health impacts.
- Work is underway on an asset and infrastructure resilience project plan and risk assessment.
- Work is currently progressing on a climate change strategy and action plan to reduce council emissions, improve resilience in the council assets and infrastructure, and to lead by example within the community.
- The council's coastal adaptation project at Amberley Beach has won the New Zealand Planning Institute's supreme practice award for Climate Change in March 2024.



- Waimakariri District Council adopted a Climate Change Policy in 2020.
- The council developed the 'Waimakariri District Natural Hazards Interactive Viewer' to show results of the '2020 Jacobs Coastal Inundation Modelling' and other natural hazards. The modelling informs the proposed District Plan natural hazard rules such as avoidance of development in high hazard areas or mitigating flood impacts through establishing minimum floor levels.
- In 2020, the council adopted the Organisational Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan.
- To inform climate change planning, the council adopted the NIWA Waimakariri District Climate Change Scenario Report in 2022.
- The council's '3 Waters Infrastructure Climate Change Impact Assessment' and prioritisation of adaptation actions was completed in 2023.
- Climate change considerations are integrated with the 'Moving Forward: Waimakariri Integrated Transport Strategy 2035+', 'Waimakariri Economic Development Strategy 2024-34' and 'Waimakariri Natural Environment Strategy: Our Environment Our Future 2024-2054'.
- In 2024, council began the development of the 'Waimakariri Resilience Explorer' risk assessment spatial platform.
- Moving forward, the council's 2024-27 agreed climate resilience programme of works includes completing organisational and district risk assessments, developing a District Climate Resilience Strategy, developing organisational and district sustainability and emissions reduction plans, and working with at risk communities to co-develop area-based climate adaptation plans.





- Christchurch was one of the first cities in New Zealand to declare a climate and ecological emergency in 2019, reflecting the importance of these issues for communities.
- In 2019, the council established the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning Programme to undertake planning with communities about the long-term future of coastal areas.
- The council is driving actions to reduce emissions and enhance resilience through the Climate Resilience Strategy (2021), Strengthening Communities Strategy (2022), Resilient Greater Christchurch Plan (2015) and through its urban development, transport, and waste management plans.
- In 2022, a district climate risk assessment was completed and the detailed coastal hazards assessment updated.
- Climate resilience considerations are embedded throughout key corporate processes including decision reports, Long-Term Plans, procurement, and project management.
- The council is working towards its target of being carbon neutral for its operations by 2030.



- Selwyn District Council adopted a Climate Change Policy in 2020.
- Since 2018, the council has been preparing annual organisational carbon emission reports. In 2024, Council completed a three-year work programme and an Emissions Reduction Plan.
- The council commissioned an independent climate impact assessment for council assets. The latest assessment in 2023 incorporates findings from the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment.
- Through strategic partnership funding, the council supports community-based climate action projects (in particular through the Selwyn Community Fund and Selwyn Natural Environment Fund).
- Climate data was incorporated into hazard modelling to inform a review of the Selwyn District Plan, including an interactive viewer for the public to show susceptibility to flooding and/or coastal hazards.
- Climate change considerations are integrated within the overarching district strategy and associated spatial planning and economic development plans.



- Ashburton District's climate change policy was adopted in 2019 and reviewed and updated in 2022.
- Climate change considerations are integrated into Ashburton district strategies including the Open Spaces Strategy 2016-26, Surface Water Strategy 2018-28, Our Natural Place- Biodiversity Strategy 2023-43 & Economic Development Strategy - Rautaki Whanake Ohaoa 2023-33.
- In 2022, the council adopted the Ashburton Climate Resilience Plan.
- A baseline greenhouse gas inventory for the council was completed in 2023.
- Climate change considerations have been integrated into decision reports and business planning processes since 2021. This work is ongoing.
- Environmental and climate change elements are proposed to be improved in Council's community engagement policy.



- Timaru District Council began preparatory work on a Climate Change Strategy in 2022, with independently facilitated community engagement.
- A Climate Change Response Policy was adopted by council in 2024.
- In the same year, the council added climate change dimensions to procurement and significance policies to incorporate climate change into policy and decision making.
- On-site work with residents of Milford Huts coastal settlement commenced in 2023.
- In 2023, council completed a carbon inventory of council's operational activity, with technical assistance & verification from Toitū.
- Communication material for the public on Household Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation is currently in development.



- Mackenzie District Council completed a review of climate change data and impacts for the district in 2023, followed by a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the district and council in early 2024.
- Engagement on climate change vulnerability in the district is underway, including workshops with community and various sectors (tourism, agriculture, infrastructure and hydro).
- With the above evidence base pieces, the council has now begun work to develop a climate change adaptation and mitigation strategy and plan for the Mackenzie District.
- Mackenzie District Council adopted its Waste Minimisation and Mangement strategy and plan in 2024 which aims to implement measures to protect the environment from the harmful effects of waste, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preventing pollution.
- Mackenzie District Council is undertaking a review of the Natural hazards in stage 4 of the District Plan Review. Part of this will be to evaluate how climate change may exacerbate the existing natural hazards.



- Waimate District Council completed a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for 2018/19.
- To oversee the development of a climate change strategy, the council appointed a part-time climate change officer in 2023.
- An online, district wide-survey was conducted to gain community interest and input into the strategy development.
- The council hosted multiple climate change information evenings in early 2024 focusing on climate science, youth, cultural, and economic perspectives.
- In 2024, seven climate action planning workshops were held to engage the community.
- The creation of a climate change engagement platform on the council's website is underway, including educational material.
- The council is closely working and collaborating with neighbouring councils, particularly Waitaki, Mackenzie, and Timaru, as well as schools.
- The council is currently finalising its second council carbon footprint assessment for 2022/23.



- The council endorsed a climate change declaration in 2022, which includes several commitments, such as developing and implementing appropriate action plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support climate resilience in the district.
- Waitaki District Council prepared its first organisational greenhouse gas inventory for 2018/19, with an update commencing in 2024.
- To protect Oamaru Harbour, Waitaki District Council has invested in erosion prevention measures along Oamaru Harbour's breakwater. This has seen many tonnes of rock and concrete pods being placed to prevent erosion.
- In 2023, the council adopted the Waitaki Climate Change Risk Framework.
- The council's Project Reclaim looks to remediate contaminated land sites which are at risk of coastal erosion.
- The council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan includes community communication and education to foster knowledge about a sustainable and low-emissions future in the district.
- In 2024, work is commencing on coastal erosion adaptation planning, including the development of a climate change strategy.



- Canterbury Regional Council established a climate change integration programme in its 2018-28 Long-Term Plan, followed by the integration of climate change into the council's decision making.
- A climate emergency was declared in 2019, followed by regular climate emergency updates to the council.
- Environment Canterbury has convened and provided secretariat support for the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group since the establishment of the Working Group in 2017. This has included leading the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment, the It's time, Canterbury community awareness raising campaign, and the development of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.
- An organisational carbon footprint assessment and decarbonisation plan were completed in 2022, followed by an organisational climate change risk assessment in 2023.
- Environment Canterbury is currently developing a Climate Action Plan and reviewing the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

## How we produced this plan

### *Me Pēhea Tā Mātou Hanga I Tēnei Mahere*

**The Climate Change Working Group, consisting of staff members from each of the 11 councils in Waitaha / Canterbury, developed our ten key climate actions and supporting sub-actions through a robust series of workshops over 2022-2024, with input from all Canterbury councils.**

The Climate Action Planning Reference Group, made up of elected representatives from each of the Canterbury councils, acted as a steering group on the plan.

The Working Group focused on identifying tangible actions for the short term, addressing key gaps in knowledge, priority risks and opportunities.

These actions are intended to gain momentum on collective climate action and to sit alongside and support existing and future climate efforts of individual councils.

Regional climate action planning was based on the international best practice C40 Climate Action Planning Framework. This framework draws on the experiences of 96 cities' climate action planning journeys and guided our approach. Although designed for cities, the framework sets out essential components of climate action planning, which we successfully adapted to suit the needs of our regional process.

#### **Commitment & Collaboration**

Focuses on the plan's governance and coordination and the need for community and business engagement, and communications, throughout the plan's development and implementation

#### **Challenges & Opportunities**

Considers the evidence base and existing city conditions, including: baseline emissions 2050 emissions, trajectory, climate risk and socio-economic priorities

#### **Acceleration & Implementation**

Defines the transformational action and implementation plan, including the development and prioritisation of actions and the process of monitoring, evaluation, reporting and revision

Figure 2: C40 Climate Action Planning Framework

## What we've heard from engagement with communities and key stakeholders

As part of Environment Canterbury's 'Our Future, Canterbury' themed engagement programme in 2023, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum asked stakeholders and communities for feedback on their climate action priorities, barriers, and perspectives on 'fair' climate action.

Via an online survey, in-person workshops in each district, and community events around the region, participants gave us a range of perspectives on climate action in their local district and in the region. There was broad agreement that councils should take climate action that would:

- regenerate ecosystems through native planting, pest control, and river restoration
- increase renewable energy
- support communities to become more resilient and adaptable
- increase public education and awareness of climate change impacts and solutions
- ensure opportunities for community engagement and empowerment
- streamline regulations and simplify consenting processes
- foster partnerships between government, businesses, non-governmental organisations, and communities
- offer financial support for individuals and businesses to take climate action.

There was broad agreement that the core values of 'fair' climate action include equity, shared responsibility, long-term planning, and science-based solutions.

We have taken stakeholder and community feedback into account during the drafting of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.

Download the *Climate Change Community Reflections and District Summits report*.

## Urgency assessment

The Mayoral Forum has historically used three sets of criteria to prioritise joint projects and actions: importance, democratic mandate, and impact.

For the purposes of this plan, we also considered the following questions when assessing urgency and prioritising actions:

- Does the action contribute to current gaps in research and monitoring?
- Does the action have a long lead time to get started?
- Is there a risk of path dependency, i.e. if we don't act now, are we locked into a future we don't want?
- Are there action dependencies and sequencing considerations?

This process helped us develop a short list of actions, and our implementation approach (Appendix 1).

## Health Impact Assessment

Climate change is already impacting the health and wellbeing of our population and these impacts will amplify over time.

Extreme weather events and rising temperatures can impact physical, mental health, and wellbeing and result in changes to the natural environment, damage to housing and infrastructure and disruption to livelihoods. Some population groups and geographic locations are more vulnerable to climate change because of their exposure, sensitivity, and capacity to prepare and adapt to climate hazards. In many cases, the people most vulnerable to climate change will be those who already experience inequitable outcomes, including Māori, people with physical and mental health needs and low-income earners.<sup>5</sup>

Te Mana Ora, Community and Public Health Canterbury, conducted a Health Impact Assessment of the collective actions in the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan. The assessment identified that the actions have the potential to contribute to the health and wellbeing outcomes of the region depending on how the actions are planned and implemented. The assessment emphasised that climate action should be based on evidence, including information about health and equity, and involve a collaborative approach.

In delivering these actions councils will continue to work on cross-sectorial collaboration with key stakeholders, including in the health sector, to ensure that health, wellbeing and equity are considered in the detailed implementation planning for the actions.

<sup>5</sup> See the *Climate Change and Health in Waitaha Canterbury* for further information about health and wellbeing impacts of climate change.

# Strategic framework for regional climate action planning

## Anga Mahere Hei Whakarite Mahi Āhuarangi a-Rohe

### Vision of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan

*Tirohanga o Te Mahere Āhuarangi o Waitaha*

**He taurikura, he āhuarangi aumangea, he hau mārohi a Waitaha**

**A thriving, climate resilient, low-emissions Canterbury**

### Principles

Eight principles underpin the development and implementation of this Plan. These are the values by which we will approach collective climate action in Canterbury.

We strive to be Treaty based, Collaborative, Bold, Intergenerational, Solutions Focused, Equitable, Informed, and Inclusive.

#### **Treaty based/Whakamana i Te Tiriti means:**

- Improving our understanding of what is important to our Treaty partners, how this could be impacted by climate change and climate change policy and how we can best support papatipu rūnanga with their own climate actions.

#### **Solutions focused/Whai putanga means:**

- Focusing on tangible short-medium term actions that will move us forward and enable councils to progress with transformative local actions with their communities.

#### **Collaborative/Mahi Tahi means:**

- Committing to work together, demonstrating respect, trust and open-mindedness for the long haul of the climate action journey, even when times are tough.
- Identifying and working with communities and key stakeholders who are the most impacted by, and/or have the most impact on, climate change risk to find pragmatic and local solutions.
- Working with central government agencies to advocate for solutions appropriate to Canterbury's needs.

#### **Inclusive/Kauawhi means:**

- Actively involving and considering the perspectives, needs and contributions of all partners and stakeholders in Canterbury, including marginalised and vulnerable communities in decision making processes and policy development related to climate change.

#### **Equitable/Matatika means:**

- The opportunities from climate initiatives and the burdens of climate risks are distributed justly across the region. This means taking action to identify and address both the effects of climate change and social inequity, and the systems that allow for these disparities to exist.

#### **Informed/Whaimōhio means:**

- Identifying and filling knowledge gaps and using the best available evidence, including Mātauranga Māori, to make good decisions across councils' climate action planning.
- Being clear with each other and communities on what we don't know, and where there are any limitations or uncertainties with our information.
- Balancing the desire for robust evidence and increased certainty to inform decision making with the need to deliver timely impactful action, especially if high-quality evidence isn't available.

#### **Intergenerational/Whakatipuranga means:**

- Being good ancestors; working with younger generations to consider the longer-term impacts and consequences of current actions and policies to promote equity, sustainability and opportunity for future generations.

#### **Bold/Pākaha means:**

- Matching ambition with action and investment; presenting options for collaborative action that address the size of the challenge, including where this requires tough decisions from communities and our elected members.

## Outcomes

We have identified six long-term outcomes we are seeking to achieve through our collective climate action.



### **A healthy environment**

Our healthy environment enables our communities to thrive.



### **An equitable and inclusive transition**

Our communities are empowered through an equitable and inclusive transition to a low-emissions and climate resilient future.



### **Prosperity**

Our environmental, cultural, economic, and social wellbeing is improved by identifying and taking early opportunities to mitigate and adapt to climate change.



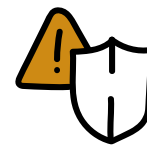
### **Adapted and resilient communities**

Our communities are resilient and have the necessary infrastructure, knowledge, and tools they need to adapt to climate change.



### **Emissions reduction**

Greenhouse gas emissions reductions are achieved in line with our national and international commitments at a minimum.



### **Climate action leadership**

Canterbury is a leader in climate change mitigation, adaptation, and inclusive climate action planning promoting the four wellbeings.

## Objectives

### **Objective one**

To work with science, nature and Mātauranga Māori to reduce climate vulnerability and improve resilience.

### **Objective four**

To inform and empower communities to be prepared, improve their resilience and adapt to climate change.

### **Objective two**

To enable transformational action in an inclusive and equitable way.

### **Objective five**

To collaborate with communities to use available solutions and encourage behaviour change to achieve a smart innovative, low-emissions future.

### **Objective three**

To maximise co-benefits and identify opportunities for co-funding and financing climate actions.

### **Objective six**

To ensure climate change is prioritised in all local government decision making processes in Canterbury.

# Regional climate actions

## Mahi Āhuarangi a-Rohe

**There are ten key actions we will take on our collaborative climate action journey in Canterbury.**

1

**Understanding  
climate risks and  
improving resilience**

Understand climate hazards and risks in Canterbury to support evidence-based decision making and improve regional resilience.

2

**Emissions  
reduction**

Work together across the region to build equitable, inclusive pathways, targets, and key actions to support New Zealand's commitments towards global greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

3

**Adaptation  
planning**

Support best practice approaches for local adaptation planning with communities taking a Treaty based approach.

4

**Nature-based  
solutions**

Facilitate the development of a Canterbury blue-green network to increase natural capital, indigenous biodiversity and offer nature-based solutions to climate change effects.

5

**Climate change  
education and  
advocacy to support  
communities**

Support community understanding about the local impacts of climate change and promote individual and collective climate action.



6

**Supporting  
Papatipu Rūnanga**

Support Papatipu Rūnanga with climate action and provide opportunities for their involvement with Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan projects.

7

**Integrating climate  
change considerations  
into council processes**

Work collaboratively to build local government capability and enhance its capacity to adapt in a changing climate.

8

**Climate funding  
and financing**

Identify and leverage co-funding and financing opportunities for climate adaptation and resilience.

9

**Monitoring and  
evaluation**

Monitor and report on progress towards achieving the actions and outcomes of the Partnership Plan.

10

**Implementation**

Assemble an implementation team to ensure the successful delivery and implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.



# Action 1: Understanding climate risks and improving resilience

*Mahi 1: Kia Mārama Ki Ngā Mōrearea  
Me Te Whakakaha Aumangea*

**Understand climate hazards and risks in Canterbury to support evidence-based decision making and improve regional resilience.**

## Action 1.1

**Scope and develop a Canterbury-wide visualisation tool for use by councils to support climate adaptation and resilience planning.**

## Action 1.2

**Update the Canterbury climate change risk and urgency assessment to ensure a comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of key risks and opportunities under different climate change scenarios at a regional and district level.**



## Why we're taking this action

Councils have statutory responsibilities to avoid or mitigate natural hazards and to have regard to the effects of climate change when making decisions. We are also responsible for civil defence and emergency management, as well as improving community resilience.

This action is about furthering our understanding of climate risks in the region so that we can improve resilience. We need to know who and what is at risk, and where, for us to prioritise resources to do something about it.

The first Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment gave us a foundational understanding of current and future risks. These will change over time as climate effects intensify, but so too will our sensitivity to hazards and capacity to adapt. Therefore, we need reliable and robust tools to manage data and continually improve our understanding of risks and impacts as climate change unfolds. A tool will help us use consistent and up-to-date information to assess the vulnerabilities of different communities, ecosystems and assets as well as the interdependencies between these. This will enable us to target councils' approaches to addressing potential vulnerabilities, ensuring resources are allocated efficiently.

By increasing our knowledge and understanding of climate hazards and risks we can better support communities to prepare for and adapt to climate change. We want to make this information available to our communities in a consistent, transparent, and easy to understand way.



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## Action 2: Emissions reduction

### Mahi 2: Whakahekenga Tukunga

**Work together across the region to build equitable, inclusive pathways, targets, and key actions to support New Zealand's commitments towards global greenhouse gas emissions reduction.**

#### Action 2.1

Collate data and develop models to prepare greenhouse gas emissions inventories and identify emissions reduction pathways for Canterbury to support Aotearoa New Zealand's national greenhouse gas commitments.

#### Action 2.2

Based on the emissions reduction pathways identified for Canterbury, undertake a regional transition risk and opportunities assessment, considering social, cultural, environmental, and economic impacts, to inform an equitable and inclusive transition to a low-emissions region.

#### Action 2.3

Work with partners, communities, and key stakeholders to build a regional low-emissions transition strategy that supports equitable, inclusive local pathways to a thriving, climate-resilient region meeting emissions reduction targets.



#### Why we're taking this action

At a global scale, the more we reduce our emissions, the better our ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Put simply, if we do not cut our greenhouse gas emissions, we will be left with fewer choices on how to adapt and react to future challenges.

Canterbury has an important role to play in supporting international and national commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to a low-emissions future. We have a unique emissions profile in our region. Our approach is not to blame and shame particular high-emitting sectors; instead we aim to work with partners and key stakeholders to make robust, evidence-informed decisions about how all sectors can reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in a sustainable and timely way. Our aim is to make it possible for everyone to play their part in our collective climate action endeavour.

By working with others, understanding the risks and opportunities that transition to a low-emissions future presents, we can be strategic about mitigating those risks and leveraging opportunities early to provide for a planned and equitable approach to regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

A comprehensive transition strategy will lay out a road map individual councils can use to work with residents to most effectively reduce emissions at a local level.



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## Action 3: Adaptation planning

### Mahi 3: Whakamahere Urutaunga

**Support best practice approaches for local adaptation planning with communities taking a Treaty based approach.**

#### Action 3.1

**Develop and implement a best practice approach for councils in Canterbury to work effectively and efficiently together with communities on adaptation planning and implementation.**



#### Why we're taking this action

No matter how quickly we reduce emissions around the globe or in Aotearoa New Zealand, some level of climate change is already inevitable and we are already seeing those effects around the country. Adaptation means strengthening our ability to cope with risks from natural events like floods, storms and drought.

The Government is developing an adaptation framework to strengthen how Aotearoa New Zealand prepares for the effects of climate change, focusing on where people live and work. The framework is expected to provide greater clarity on adaptation roles and responsibilities, including that of local government and other key players like central government and insurers.

We will continue to play a pivotal role in working with communities to understand what is happening, what matters most, what we can do about it, and how we can implement and monitor adaptation actions. It is both an absolute necessity and opportunity that we use the knowledge and tools created by some of the other partnership plan actions and all work together to figure out the most appropriate adaptation options for communities at risk across each district taking a Treaty based approach.

Some districts are already advancing with coastal adaptation planning, for example in Amberley Beach and Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour. But there are other risks, and many other vulnerable communities who we will also need to work with. We won't need to adapt everywhere all at once, nor will we be able to, but we can start working together now to lay the foundation for long-term adaptation planning in Canterbury to ensure a consistent, coordinated and community-centric approach on the ground, avoiding duplication of effort and sharing learnings.



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## Action 4: Nature-based solutions

### Mahi 4: Ngā Otinga Taiao

**Facilitate the development of a Canterbury blue-green network to increase natural capital, indigenous biodiversity and offer nature-based solutions to climate change effects.**

#### Action 4.1

Develop a Canterbury-wide natural ecosystem climate change risk and vulnerability assessment.

#### Action 4.2

Develop a blue-green network plan for Canterbury and accompanying guidance to support locally-led implementation.

##### Action 4.2a

Maximise opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders to provide guidance on blue-green infrastructure placement and hazard resilience investment<sup>6</sup>.

##### Action 4.2b

Collaborate and align with Greater Christchurch Partnership and key stakeholders to deliver a blue-green network.

##### Action 4.2c

Investigate the feasibility of establishing blue-green infrastructure on council-owned land, including identifying priority locations for implementation across Canterbury.



#### Why we're taking this action

We already have many of the solutions we need to tackle climate change. One of the key things we can do is work with nature to address the climate and biodiversity challenges we face. Nature-based solutions are inspired by, supported by or copied from nature and we can harness these to deliver a multitude of benefits across the four wellbeings<sup>7</sup>.

Nature-based solutions offer a cost-effective and practical approach to both building resilience and capturing and storing carbon. A blue-green network or infrastructure - a series of spaces and corridors that follow and connect blue (e.g. water bodies) and green spaces (e.g. parks, green areas) - provides a nature-based approach to addressing climate change impacts such as flooding and urban heat islands; and reducing emissions through carbon sequestration.

In addition to reducing the effects of climate change, blue-green infrastructure offers various co-benefits. They enhance the liveability of urban and rural areas through better integration of natural and built environments and offer opportunities for place-making and enhanced identity, urban cooling, water management, recreation, landscaping, indigenous ecosystem protection and restoration and habitat creation for indigenous fauna.

<sup>6</sup> For example, supporting the Nature Code MBIE Endeavour Research Proposal: Nature-based solutions to mitigate climate change-intensified natural hazards

<sup>7</sup> European Commission, 2015



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## Action 5: Climate change education and advocacy

### Mahi 5: Mātauranga Mahi Whakahau Huringa Āhuarangi

**Support community understanding about the local impacts of climate change and promote individual and collective climate action.**

#### Action 5.1

Continue to develop the It's Time, Canterbury initiative into a comprehensive resource hub for climate education and collective action across Canterbury.

#### Action 5.2

Collaborate with Civil Defence Emergency Management in Canterbury to produce communications materials that integrate climate action and resilience to natural hazards.

#### Why we're taking this action

Everyone has a part to play in tackling climate change. We've already mentioned the key role councils play in helping communities prepare for and adapt to climate change, and we're acutely aware of how important it is that we communicate with communities in a way that's appropriate to them.

These actions build on the work done to date on 'It's time, Canterbury' where councils have pooled resources, knowledge and expertise for a regional approach to climate advocacy and awareness raising. We aim to educate, empower, and engage by building the 'It's time, Canterbury' content and expanding its reach. We will support communities with accurate and up-to-date information about the urgency of climate change, empower them with the knowledge and confidence to act as agents of change, and engage them throughout the journey to a resilient low-emissions future.

Civil Defence Emergency Management has a critical role in ensuring our communities are prepared, and able to respond, to natural hazards, and in the case of climate change, where these natural hazards are exacerbated over time.



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## Action 6: Supporting Papatipu Rūnanga

### Mahi 6: Te Tautoko i Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga

Support Papatipu Rūnanga with climate action and provide opportunities for their involvement with Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan projects.

#### Action 6.1

Understand the climate action requirements of Papatipu Rūnanga across Canterbury.

#### Action 6.2

Support councils to work in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga to integrate their requirements into local climate action planning.



#### Why we're taking this action

Climate change is affecting Ngāi Tahu in unique and important ways, directly threatening wellbeing of mana whenua, their historic heritage (kainga tuturu), infrastructure (ngā waihangā), ability to undertake cultural practices, and disproportionately impacting future generations. The Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment showed there are potential risks to Ngāi Tahu interests across all pono (values) contained within Te Tūtei o Te Hau. It also indicated a risk of marginalisation of Ngāi Tahu perspectives in climate action planning.

The Ministry for the Environment has highlighted that empowering Māori is one of the five key principles in Aotearoa's Emissions Reduction Plan and the National Adaptation Plan recognises the importance of embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi across the climate response.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu has developed its Climate Change Strategy Te Tāhū o te Whāriki (Anchoring the Foundations) and Action Plan (Te Kounga Paparangi). These provide direction across a wide spectrum. Canterbury councils have identified these actions so that they can seek to better understand both the requirements of mana whenua and how councils are best placed to support their climate action planning in their takiwā. The actions also provide an open door to future involvement by Papatipu Rūnanga in the governance and implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.



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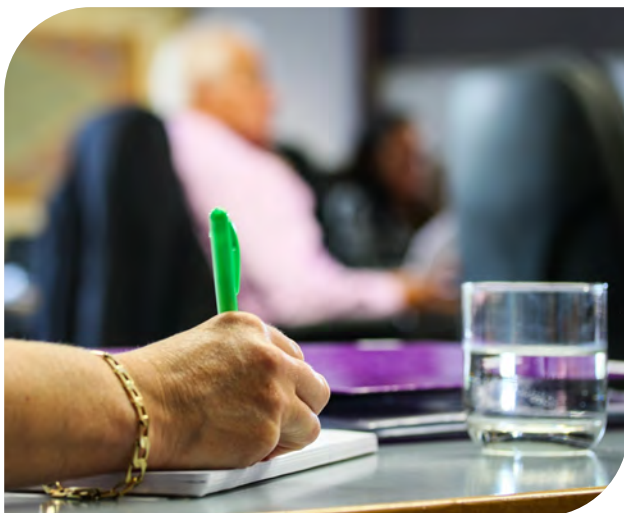
## Action 7: Integrating climate change considerations into council processes

### Mahi 7: Te Whakauru Whakaaro Huringa Āhuarangi Ki Ngā Tukanga Kaunihera

**Work collaboratively to build local government capability and enhance its capacity to adapt in a changing climate.**

#### Action 7.1

**Integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation considerations across all council business including decisions, policies, projects, procurement, and infrastructure development.**



#### Why we're taking this action

Not only must communities adapt but councils must too so we are as effective as we can be in a changing climate.

Climate change will impact everything we do and our ability to do things well. To be effective in a changing climate and avoid maladaptation, we must embed climate resilience at our core. This will ensure that climate considerations are not treated as separate or optional but are instead integrated across all aspects of local government operations. This approach helps councils address climate-related challenges effectively by displaying climate leadership, minimising risks, seizing opportunities and helping local communities to adapt appropriately thereby promoting the four wellbeings of current and future generations.



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# Action 8: Climate funding and financing

## Mahi 8: Pūtea Āhuarangi

Identify and leverage co-funding and financing opportunities for climate adaptation and resilience.

### Action 8.1

Advocate to central government for funding to be made available to address the gap between current local government funding and what is needed for the comprehensive local government climate action that is required in the future.

### Action 8.2

Explore the feasibility of a Canterbury climate commitment that inspires and unites businesses and communities to accelerate climate action.



### Why we're taking this action

Climate action comes at a cost and realising the many benefits of climate action also requires some up-front investment. The wide range and scale of climate actions required by councils in the coming years will require funding and financing beyond existing methods.

The recently published He piki tūranga, he piki kotuku, Future for Local Government Report (2023) highlights the gap between current local government funding and what is needed for comprehensive climate action. It suggests there should be a large national fund available for the climate-related actions that need to be taken by local government.

This could represent a significant opportunity for local government around Aotearoa New Zealand, however, it is likely that rates will remain the main funding mechanism for councils for the foreseeable future. By working together to identify and leverage alternative funding and financing opportunities, Canterbury councils can implement climate actions and initiatives without putting further pressure on ratepayers.

It is critical that we develop effective funding and financing structures that enable local government in Canterbury to respond to the evolving challenges and opportunities posed by climate change. We need to use our united voice and work together to ensure councils have access to the right amount of capital at the right time.



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## Action 9: Monitoring and evaluation

### Mahi 9: Te Aroturuki Me Te Aro Mātai

**Monitor and report on progress towards achieving the actions and outcomes of the Partnership Plan.**

#### Action 9.1

**Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation plan which includes the co-development of climate-related indicators appropriate to Canterbury.**



#### Why we're taking this action

We need to regularly monitor and evaluate the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan to ensure that actions are impactful, and our desired outcomes are being met.

The development of baseline data and climate-related indicators offers valuable data for decision-making, helping assess the region's vulnerability to various climate-related risks, and enabling policymakers to assess the effectiveness of policies and interventions.

It also assists in raising public awareness about the importance of climate action and its impacts, and enables efficient allocation of resources by governments, businesses, and communities.

The use of climate-related indicators can inform the development of effective climate policies, regulations, and incentives, and there is an opportunity to learn from the Climate Change Commission's experience in developing indicators and metrics for climate adaptation when implementing this action.



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# Action 10: Implementation

## Mahi 10: Te Whakatinanatanga

**Assemble an implementation team to ensure the successful delivery and implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.**



### Why we're taking this action

To ensure the successful implementation of this plan, we need to coordinate a dedicated group of people from councils who have a key role to play in the delivery of these actions. This will allow for the continuation of a collaborative approach and reduce pressure and demands on individual councils who do not have staff capacity to manage project delivery of individual actions.

**An implementation overview is included in Appendix 1.**



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# Future funding and financing of regional climate actions

## Ngā Pūtea Wāheke Mō Ngā Mahi Āhuarangi a-Rohe

**Climate action will cost us. However, the cost of inaction is likely to be far greater. Studies by Deloitte and others highlight an impending ‘turning point’ where the increased costs of taking decisive action sooner rather than later begin to outweigh the short-term gains from deferring our response.**

Focusing solely on an economic analysis of climate change by 2050 (not the broader impacts across different dimensions of wellbeing), in net present value terms (estimated in 2023):

- Decisive action could add \$64billion to Aotearoa New Zealand’s GDP<sup>8</sup>.
- Inadequate action could take \$4.4billion off Aotearoa New Zealand’s GDP and get exponentially worse beyond 2050.

Opportunities and costs will differ across the range of business sectors specific to each region and to realise benefits arising from new opportunities will require commitment from us all. Nevertheless, it redefines the debate around climate action to one of opportunities for growth and avoided costs and losses rather than a financial burden with limited upsides.

In addition, in recent years the delivery of capital projects (including those associated with increasing resilience through certain climate adaptation measures) has experienced rapid cost escalation pressures with civil infrastructure works showing the biggest changes<sup>9</sup>. Decisions to forestall projects with demonstrable benefits could therefore impact their future affordability and viability.

<sup>8</sup> Deloitte, 2023.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.infometrics.co.nz/article/2023-08-rapid-cost-escalation-makes-for-difficult-choices>

<sup>10</sup> The Auckland Anniversary floods insurance losses provisionally exceed \$1b, over three times the total insurance losses for Auckland in 2022. The 2021 Canterbury floods had provisional insurance losses estimated at \$43.8m (Source: Insurance Council of New Zealand). The total cost of works to the end of December 2023 for flood recovery (including response) is \$20 million, with an estimated total costs expected to be \$22.2 million. \$12.5 of these costs, above the Environment Canterbury threshold of \$4.1 million, are estimated to be eligible for application to the National Emergency Management Agency for a 60% central government contribution for like-for-like asset replacement. Not all damage arising from these events will be included in these figures, for example, local government typically self-insures network infrastructure.

This plan sets out a pragmatic and achievable programme of collaborative climate action for Waitaha Canterbury over the next three years, focused around collecting consistent evidence for both mitigation and adaptation, embedding climate change considerations in local government decision-making and processes, improving capability and capacity to respond effectively and monitoring results. We will, however, need to increase and accelerate our investment in on-the-ground mitigation and adaptation actions thereafter if we are to meet our climate commitments and avoid the magnitude of future costs we would otherwise bear. Investing now will help us minimise the impacts of future climate-related weather events<sup>10</sup>.

### Climate Partnership Plan budget

The impacts of COVID-19, high inflation, the cost-of-living crisis, and the threat of economic recession means that local government and ratepayers are faced with an increasing cost burden. These current financial pressures have been top of mind while developing the plan. Ultimately, the financial constraints and competing demands local government faces means funding climate action at a local or regional level in the short term is challenging.

However, this plan offers a pragmatic financial advantage, particularly for the less resourced councils, by working together and leveraging collective funding to deliver on key projects.

In June 2024, councils agreed to fund regional collective climate actions through their Long-Term Plans 2024-34 and \$1.47 million has been confirmed for the first three years. Further funding will be necessary through future annual and long-term plan reviews for continued collaborative climate action, and by identifying and taking advantage of co-funding opportunities with key stakeholders.



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Mahere Āhuarangi Mahi Rangapū  
Tirohanga Whakatinanatanga

Action ID		Primary action	Sub-actions
1	Understanding climate risks and improving resilience	Understand climate hazards and risks in Canterbury to support evidence-based decision making and improve regional resilience.	1.1 Scope and develop a Canterbury-wide visualisation tool for use by councils to support climate adaptation and resilience planning.
			1.2 Update the Canterbury climate change risk and urgency assessment to ensure a comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of key risks and opportunities under different climate change at a regional and district level.
2	Emissions reduction	Work together across the region to build equitable, inclusive pathways, targets, and key actions to support New Zealand's commitments towards global greenhouse gas emissions reduction.	2.1 Collate data and develop models to prepare greenhouse gas emissions inventories and identify emissions reduction pathways for Canterbury to support New Zealand's national greenhouse gas commitments.
			2.2 Based on the emissions reduction pathways identified for Canterbury, undertake a regional transition risk and opportunities assessment, considering social, cultural, environmental, and economic impacts, to inform an equitable and inclusive transition to a low-emissions region.
			2.3 Work with partners, communities, and key stakeholders to build a regional low-emissions transition strategy that supports equitable, inclusive local pathways to a thriving, climate-resilient region meeting emissions reduction targets.
3	Adaptation planning	Support best practice approaches for local adaptation planning with communities taking a Treaty based approach.	3.1 Develop and implement a best practice approach for councils in Canterbury to work effectively and efficiently together with communities on adaptation planning and implementation.
4	Nature-Based Solutions	Facilitate the development of a Canterbury blue-green network to increase natural capital, indigenous biodiversity and offer nature-based solutions to climate change effects.	4.1 Develop a Canterbury wide natural ecosystem climate change risk and vulnerability assessment.
			4.2 Develop a blue-green network plan for Canterbury and accompanying guidance to support locally-led implementation.
			4.2a Maximise opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders to provide guidance on blue-green infrastructure placement and hazard resilience investment.
			4.2b Collaborate and align with Greater Christchurch Partnership and key stakeholders to deliver a blue-green network.
			4.2c Investigate the feasibility of establishing blue-green infrastructure on council-owned land, including identifying priority locations for implementation across Canterbury.
5	Climate change education and advocacy	Support community understanding about the local impacts of climate change and promote individual and collective climate action.	5.1 Continue to develop the It's time, Canterbury initiative into a comprehensive resource hub for climate education and collective action across Canterbury.
			5.2 Collaborate with Civil Defence and Emergency Management in Canterbury to produce communications materials that integrate climate action and resilience to natural hazards.



The Implementation overview outlines the sequence of actions for the first three years of Long-Term Plans, prioritising urgent actions (based on an urgency assessment), action interdependencies, and available yearly budget.



Y1 2024/2025	Y2 2025/2026	Y3 2026/2027		Y4 onwards	Lead Organisation	Resourcing
initiate	execute and complete	maintenance and licensing	Review CCPP		Waimakariri District Council	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
				initiate, execute, complete	Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
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	initiate and execute	complete			Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
	initiate	execute and complete			Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
initiate	execute	ongoing		ongoing	Hurunui District Council	staff time
initiate and execute	complete				Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
	initiate	execute		complete	Waimakariri & Selwyn District Councils	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
initiate	execute	execute		complete	Waimakariri & Selwyn District Councils	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
initiate	execute	ongoing		ongoing	Waimakariri & Selwyn District Councils	staff time
	initiate	execute		ongoing	Waimakariri & Selwyn District Councils	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
initiate	execute	ongoing		ongoing	Environment Canterbury	staff time
	initiate, execute, complete				Environment Canterbury	staff time

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Action ID		Primary action	Sub-actions
6	Supporting Papatipu Rūnanga	Support Papatipu Rūnanga with climate action and provide continuing opportunities for their involvement with Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan projects.	6.1 Understand the climate action requirements of Papatipu Rūnanga across Canterbury.
			6.2 Support councils to work in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga to integrate their requirements into local climate action planning.
7	Integrating climate change considerations in council processes	Work collaboratively to build local government capability and enhance its capacity to adapt in a changing climate.	7.1 Integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation considerations across all council business including decisions, policies, projects, procurement, and infrastructure development.
8	Climate funding and financing	Identify and leverage co-funding and financing opportunities for climate adaptation and resilience.	8.1 Advocate to central government for funding to be made available to address the gap between current local government funding and what is needed for the comprehensive local government climate action that is required in the future.
			8.2 Explore the feasibility of a Canterbury Climate Commitment that inspires and unites businesses and communities to accelerate climate action.
9	Monitoring and evaluation	Monitor and report on progress towards achieving the actions and outcomes of the Partnership Plan.	9.1 Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation plan which includes the co-development of climate related indicators appropriate to Canterbury.
10	Implementation	Assemble and coordinate an implementation team to ensure the successful delivery and implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.	
			<b>Total budget (rounded down)</b>



Very high urgency



High urgency



Medium urgency



Low urgency

Y1 2024/2025	Y2 2025/2026	Y3 2026/2027		Y4 onwards	Action Lead	Resourcing
initiate	ongoing	ongoing	Review CCPP	ongoing	All councils	\$ for Papatipu Rūnanga participation, staff time
					Canterbury Mayoral Forum	\$ for Papatipu Rūnanga participation, staff time
initiate	execute	ongoing		ongoing	Ashburton District Council	staff time
initiate	execute	execute		ongoing	Christchurch City Council	staff time
initiate, execute, complete					Canterbury Mayoral Forum	staff time
initiate, execute, complete					Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
initiate, execute	ongoing	ongoing		ongoing	Environment Canterbury (with action lead organisations)	staff time
<b>\$190,000</b>	<b>\$741,000</b>	<b>\$540,000</b>				
<b>Total \$ 1,471,000 NZD</b> Through collective contributions from Canterbury councils for Year 1 - Year 3 of 2024-2034 Long Term Plans and 2024-2025 Annual Plans (\$100,432 NZD to be confirmed through Waimate and Waitaki District Councils 2025-2034 Long Term Plans)						





***Mā whero mā pango ka oti ai te mahi.  
With red and black the work will be complete.***

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Our climate change  
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## Attachment 2: Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan Implementation Overview



Action ID		Primary action	Sub-actions	Y1 2024/2025	Y2 2025/2026	Y3 2026/2027		Y4 onwards	Lead Organisation	Resourcing
1	Understanding climate risks and improving resilience	Understand climate hazards and risks in Canterbury to support evidence-based decision making and improve regional resilience.	1.1 Scope and develop a Canterbury-wide visualisation tool for use by councils to support climate adaptation and resilience planning.	initiate	execute and complete	maintenance and licensing	Review CCpp		Waimakariri District Council	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
			1.2 Update the Canterbury climate change risk and urgency assessment to ensure a comprehensive and up to date understanding of key risks and opportunities under different climate change at a regional and district level.					initiate, execute, complete	Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
2	Emissions reduction	Work together across the region to build equitable, inclusive pathways, targets, and key actions to support New Zealand's commitments towards global greenhouse gas emissions reduction.	2.1 Collate data and develop models to prepare greenhouse gas emissions inventories and identify emissions reduction pathways for Canterbury to support New Zealand's national greenhouse gas commitments.	initiate	execute and complete				Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
			2.2 Based on the emissions reduction pathways identified for Canterbury, undertake a regional transition risk and opportunities assessment, considering social, cultural, environmental, and economic impacts, to inform an equitable and inclusive transition to a low-emissions region.		initiate and execute	complete			Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
			2.3 Work with partners, communities, and key stakeholders to build a regional low-emissions transition strategy that supports equitable, inclusive local pathways to a thriving, climate-resilient region meeting emissions reduction targets.		initiate	execute and complete			Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
3	Adaptation planning	Support best practice approaches for local adaptation planning with communities taking a Treaty based approach.	3.1 Develop and implement a best practice approach for councils in Canterbury to work effectively and efficiently together with communities on adaptation planning and implementation.	initiate	execute	ongoing		ongoing	Hurunui District Council	staff time
4	Nature-Based Solutions	Facilitate the development of a Canterbury blue-green network to increase natural capital, indigenous biodiversity and offer nature-based solutions to climate change effects.	4.1 Develop a Canterbury wide natural ecosystem climate change risk and vulnerability assessment.	initiate and execute	complete				Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
			4.2 Develop a blue-green network plan for Canterbury and accompanying guidance to support locally-led implementation.		initiate	execute		complete	Waimakariri & Selwyn District Councils	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
			4.2a Maximise opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders to provide guidance on blue-green infrastructure placement and hazard resilience investment.	initiate	execute	execute		complete	Waimakariri & Selwyn District Councils	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
			4.2b Collaborate and align with Greater Christchurch Partnership and key stakeholders to deliver a blue-green network.	initiate	execute	ongoing		ongoing	Waimakariri & Selwyn District Councils	staff time
			4.2c Investigate the feasibility of establishing blue-green infrastructure on council-owned land, including identifying priority locations for implementation across Canterbury.		initiate	execute		ongoing	Waimakariri & Selwyn District Councils	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
5	Climate change education and advocacy	Support community understanding about the local impacts of climate change and promote individual and collective climate action.	5.1 Continue to develop the It's time, Canterbury initiative into a comprehensive resource hub for climate education and collective action across Canterbury.	initiate	execute	ongoing		ongoing	Environment Canterbury	staff time
			5.2 Collaborate with Civil Defence and Emergency Management in Canterbury to produce communications materials that integrate climate action and resilience to natural hazards.		initiate, execute, complete				Environment Canterbury	staff time



Action ID		Primary action	Sub-actions	Y1 2024/2025	Y2 2025/2026	Y3 2026/2027		Y4 onwards	Action Lead	Resourcing
6	Supporting Papatipu Rūnanga	Support Papatipu Rūnanga with climate action and provide continuing opportunities for their involvement with Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan projects.	6.1 Understand the climate action requirements of Papatipu Rūnanga across Canterbury.	initiate	ongoing	ongoing	Review CCpp	ongoing	All councils	\$ for Papatipu Rūnanga participation, staff time
			6.2 Support councils to work in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga to integrate their requirements into local climate action planning.						Canterbury Mayoral Forum	\$ for Papatipu Rūnanga participation, staff time
7	Integrating climate change considerations in council processes	Work collaboratively to build local government capability and enhance its capacity to adapt in a changing climate.	7.1 Integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation considerations across all council business including decisions, policies, projects, procurement, and infrastructure development.	initiate	execute	ongoing		ongoing	Ashburton District Council	staff time
8	Climate funding and financing	Identify and leverage co-funding and financing opportunities for climate adaptation and resilience.	8.1 Advocate to central government for funding to be made available to address the gap between current local government funding and what is needed for the comprehensive local government climate action that is required in the future.	initiate	execute	execute		ongoing	Christchurch City Council	staff time
			8.2 Explore the feasibility of a Canterbury Climate Commitment that inspires and unites businesses and communities to accelerate climate action.	initiate, execute, complete				Canterbury Mayoral Forum	staff time	
9	Monitoring and evaluation	Monitor and report on progress towards achieving the actions and outcomes of the Partnership Plan.	9.1 Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation plan which includes the co-development of climate related indicators appropriate to Canterbury.	initiate, execute, complete					Environment Canterbury	\$ for procurement and consultant costs, staff time
10	Implementation	Assemble and coordinate an implementation team to ensure the successful delivery and implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.		initiate, execute	ongoing	ongoing		ongoing	Environment Canterbury (with action lead organisations)	staff time
			Total budget (rounded down)	\$190,000	\$741,000	\$540,000				
				Total \$1,471,000 NZD Through collective contributions from Canterbury councils for Year 1 - Year 3 of 2024-2034 Long Term Plans and 2024-2025 Annual Plans (100,432 NZD to be confirmed trough Waimate and Waitaki District Councils 2025-2034 Long Term Plans)						

# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

**Date:** 21 October 2024

**Presented by:** Sharon Mason, Chair Economic Development Forum

## Economic development priorities

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to support a discussion on the approach to developing regional economic priorities, in partnership with Business Canterbury and other regional businesses, business organisations, tertiary institutions and mana whenua.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:**

1. **note the approach to developing regional economic priorities in partnership with Business Canterbury and other regional businesses, business organisations, tertiary institutions and mana whenua.**

### Background

2. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury was finalised in May 2020 and had been reviewed and updated twice since then, February 2022 following the 2022 local government elections and again in February 2024 following the 2023 central government election.
3. The Plan has three high level priorities:
  - Sustainable environmental management
  - Shared prosperity for all our communities
  - Climate change mitigation and adaptation.
4. There are nine actions to support the priorities.
5. Central government has published their strategic framework for regional deals. The Minister of Local Government has indicated that the Government is looking for regions to be aligned and be able to tell a cohesive story about their economy, its opportunities and strengths, particularly if they are seeking investment through a regional/city deal. They are also expecting private sector involvement.
6. Regional deals are focused on economic growth, resilient infrastructure and providing affordable quality housing.

## Business Canterbury

7. Leeann Watson (CE, Business Canterbury) spoke at the August Mayoral Forum working dinner on the work that her organisation was doing, bringing together a group of businesses across Canterbury to start a conversation about what their own aspirations and vision are for their future and the future of the region they chose to do business in and invest in.
8. Key areas, which are not dissimilar to those identified at the Economic Development Forum workshop, that were discussed at the first Business Canterbury workshop were:
  - energy infrastructure
  - transport networks and connections
  - accessibility and public transport
  - housing supply
  - industry attractiveness
  - retention of talent
  - innovation and scale
9. The Mayoral Forum has considered the approach from Business Canterbury and agreed to work in partnership to develop Canterbury's regional economic priorities. This will require councils to provide contact details for businesses and business organisations across the region to ensure that the work is representative as possible across sectors, size of business and all of Canterbury.
10. A joint workshop has been scheduled for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

## Regional Public Service Commissioner

11. The Regional Leadership Group has decided to explore areas across the system that will help contribute to the Government's and Canterbury's priorities and has agreed on two initially - Children and Youth and Economic Development.
12. The Regional Public Service Commissioner is preparing a brief economic snapshot of the region down to TLA level to help inform their way forward. Diane McDermott, Regional Public Service Commissioner, will be attending the Chief Executives Forum meeting and will be able to provide an update on what work they are doing in the economic development space.
13. I have advised the RLG that we have a regional economic development forum and that we should be working together on this work.

## Next steps

14. Ensure that the joint Mayoral Forum / Business Canterbury workshop to be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, has broad representation from across Canterbury, sectors and size of businesses.
15. Consider engagement approaches to include mana whenua and others that councils would like to include in the conversations.

# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

**Date:** 21 October 2024

**Presented by:** Hamish Dobbie, Chair Canterbury Policy Forum

## Regional Spatial Planning

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide background to support a discussion on the future development of a Waitaha Canterbury Regional Spatial Plan.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:**

1. **agree to the development of a scope of work, with associated budget, for:**
  - 1.1. **a stock take of existing Waitaha Canterbury spatial plans and strategies and/or**
  - 1.2. **the development of an options paper around the process to develop a regional spatial plan.**

### Background

2. The Policy and Economic Development Forums had a joint meeting to discuss opportunities for developing regional economic priorities and the policy settings that may be required to support Mayoral Forum discussions in this space, including working towards regional deals.
3. Central Government's Regional Deals Strategic Framework<sup>i</sup> sets out the objectives, principles and outcomes for regional deals, and includes the foundational components required.
4. Proposals for regional deals will be assessed against (but not limited to)
  - alignment with strategic framework
  - growth potential
  - commitment to a **regional spatial plan**
  - capability, capacity, readiness to deliver ...
5. Members acknowledged the Greater Christchurch Partnership's Spatial Plan and considered that there may be an appetite to start the process of considering a wider Waitaha Canterbury Regional Spatial Plan.



## Current spatial plans

6. Spatial plans go beyond traditional land use planning to integrate policies for the development and use of land with other policies and programmes that influence both the nature and function of places (especially infrastructure).
7. The Greater Christchurch Partnership (of central government, mana whenua and local government) completed the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan in February 2024, which was adopted by all partner councils in March 2024.
8. The Plan provides a blueprint for how population and business growth will be accommodated into the future through targeted intensification in and around centres and along public transport corridors, along with the prosperous development of kāinga nohoanga on Māori Land and within urban areas.
9. The Canterbury Planning Managers Group developed a high-level summary of other spatial planning work around the region in May 2023. This spatial planning appears to be focused on townships and small communities around the region.

## Central Government requirements

### Resource management

10. Central government repealed the Spatial Planning Act 2023 (and the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023) with the intention of replacing the Resource Management Act with two new pieces of legislation:
  - one focusing on driving urban development and infrastructure, aligning with the suite of policies in the Going for Housing Growth programme and the recently announced 30-year National Infrastructure Plan.
  - another focused on environmental protection and managing the environmental effects that flow from the activities we use natural resources for.
11. The new resource management system is (we understand) intended to have ten core design features, one of which is the use of spatial planning and another requiring one regulatory plan per region, jointly prepared by regional and district councils.

### Regional deals

12. As noted above, one of the criteria for regional deals is a commitment to a regional spatial plan. Regional deals are focused on economic growth, resilient infrastructure, and providing affordable quality housing.
13. The first set of regional deals will be limited to five regions and are expected to be in place 'in principle' by next year, with an agreed action plan. It is expected there will be opportunity for further regional deals at a later date.

## Waitaha Canterbury Regional Spatial Plan

14. The Spatial Planning Act (SPA) 2023 (repealed) set out the scope and content of regional spatial strategies. It is not unreasonable to expect the new legislation to have similar requirements, albeit with a strong economic development focus.
15. The new legislation, expected to be introduced and passed before the next election will likely provide clear direction on expectations for a regional spatial plan and/or regional regulatory plan, albeit with potentially greater flexibility as to how a spatial plan might be developed.
16. The SPA 2023 (repealed) envisaged a single document per region prepared under a regional planning committee model. The model to be utilised under future legislation is currently unknown. As such, arrangements for how a Spatial Plan might begin in the region would benefit at this time from flexibility.
17. Given the limited sub-regional spatial planning undertaken to date outside of Greater Christchurch, more focus would need to go into these areas.
18. Key elements to consider when developing a regional spatial plan are:
  - its spatial extent (i.e. is it only urban, or does it extend to rural and freshwater)
  - time scale (i.e. 10, 30 or 50 years)
  - scope and focus (i.e. is it to support a regional deal or broader planning requirements, or both)
  - governance, decision-making, and integration (e.g. how to coordinate a large number of organisations, how to ensure it fits within existing strategic landscape, who else to involve).
19. Regardless of the process to develop a Waitaha Canterbury Regional Spatial Plan it would, at a minimum, require a stock take of existing spatial plans across the region and other relevant information.
20. Waitaha Canterbury could choose pro-active first steps including a stock take of existing spatial plans and strategies, and consideration of what might be needed going forward, particularly in those parts of the region not currently covered, in preparation of a regional spatial plan following the enactment of the new resource management legislation. This would lead to the development of an options document around the process to develop a regional spatial plan.

## Next steps

21. Should the Chief Executives Forum support the notion of developing a regional spatial plan, including undertaking a stock take of existing spatial plans and strategies, consideration of how a future spatial plan might be developed, and/or an options document, a scope of work and budget would need to be developed for Chief Executives approval.

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<sup>i</sup> [Draft Publicly Facing Regional Deals Strategic Framework \(beehive.govt.nz\)](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/draft-publicly-facing-regional-deals-strategic-framework)

# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

**Date:** 21 October 2024

**Presented by:** Hamish Dobbie, Angela Oosthuizen, Stuart Duncan, Will Doughty, Sharon Mason, Secretariat

## Regional forums update

### Purpose

1. This report summarises outcomes from the regional forum meetings since the Chief Executives Forum last met on 29 July 2024.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:**

1. **receive the quarterly reports on the September 2024 regional forum meetings and updates on the workstream tracker**
2. **confirm the chairs for the Chief Executives, Corporate, Operations, Policy, Communications and Engagement, and Economic Development Forums**
3. **receive the quarterly update on the 2024-25 regional forums budget.**

### Background

2. The regional forums held regular quarterly meetings in September 2024:
  - the Corporate and Operations Forums met on 16 September
  - the Communications and Engagement Forum met on 20 September
  - the Economic Development and Policy Forums met on 30 September.

### Corporate Forum (chair Angela Oosthuizen)

3. The Forum met online on 16 September. Key agenda items included:
  - water reform legislation, including input from DIA staff, and council updates on Local Water Done Well implementation
  - council updates, including district plan reviews, managing budgets following decisions from the NLTP, increasing insurance costs, rates and revenue review, work across council services to minimize rates increases, and the impact on staff of the particularly high workload at present

- working group updates including Finance Managers, Health and Safety Advisors, and Canterbury Public Records Act Executive Sponsors Group and Canterbury Records and Information Managers Support Group
- the revised Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Public Records Act Executive Sponsors Group and Canterbury Records and the Information Managers Group, which were approved
- use of the local government MahiTahi collaboration portal, noting while the principle of portal is good, current workloads mean staff have not had capacity to utilise the tool
- legal issues territorial authorities are experiencing regarding collection of regional council rates on behalf of Environment Canterbury.

4. The Forum next meets on 9 December.

## **Operations Forum (chair Stuart Duncan)**

5. The Forum met online on 16 September. Key agenda items included:

- water reform legislation, including input from DIA staff, and council updates on Local Water Done Well implementation
- council updates including NZTA/Waka Kotahi funding reductions, the NZTA/Waka Kotahi proposed emergency funding policy change, and the impact of Taumata Arowai wastewater and stormwater compliance mandatory measures
- working group updates, including the Regulatory Managers, the Canterbury Joint Waste Committee working group, and the Wastewater working group.

6. The Forum next meets on 9 December.

## **Communications and Engagement Forum (chair Will Doughty)**

7. The Forum met in person on 20 September. Key agenda items included:

- the use of AI tools
- council updates including current and upcoming consultations
- the CCEF work programme and priorities.

8. The Forum next meets on 6 December.

## **Economic Development Forum (chair Sharon Mason)**

9. The Economic Development Forum met in person on 30 September. Key agenda items included:

- a joint discussion with the Policy Forum on developing regional economic development priorities



- an update on the development of the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategic Plan

10. an update on the Canterbury Regional Energy Inventory update.

11. The Forum next meets on 16 December.

## **Policy Forum (chair Hamish Dobbie)**

12. The Policy Forum met in person on 30 September. Key agenda items included:

- a joint discussion with the Policy Forum on developing regional economic development priorities
- the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan implementation and governance
- a policy development workshop for council policy staff
- discussion of top-of-mind issues for each council.

13. The Forum next meets on 16 December.

## **Confirmation of regional forums' chairs**

14. The chairs of the regional forums supporting the Mayoral Forum are to be confirmed at this meeting for the next 12 months. The Chief Executives Forum requires a Chair and Deputy Chair.

15. Chairs are to be confirmed for:

- Chief Executives Forum
- Policy Forum
- Operations Forum
- Corporate Forum
- Economic Development Forum
- Communications and Engagement Forum.

## **Regional Forums calendar 2025**

16. The draft calendar has been prepared for 2025, with dates similar to the 2024 calendar. Once we have received the Local Government New Zealand 2025 calendar the secretariat will finalise the regional forums calendar and then send invites for 2025 meetings to all forums' members.

## Regional forums budget 2024/25

17. The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum approved the regional forums 2024/2025 budget at its meeting in July 2024, subject to the budget being updated to ensure that it was not in deficit.
18. The removal of the \$50,000 for a regional economic strategy, which was not approved by the Chief Executives Forum, put the budget back into surplus.
19. The budget for training events has been increased to \$2000, from \$1000, which will be used for a “Building Blocks for Better Policy” training session for policy staff from across the region.
20. The updated budget includes the \$30,000 for the work on economic priorities with Business Canterbury that the Mayoral Forum agreed to at their meeting on 30 September 2024.
21. The regional forums budget funds collaborative projects and regional training workshops. Environment Canterbury acts as fund holder for regional forums, as part of providing secretariat support.
22. The income and expenditure report as of 30 September 2024 is provided at Attachment 1.

## Workstream tracker

23. The latest version of the workstream tracker is provided at Attachment 2.

## Next meetings

24. Scheduled forum meetings for the upcoming quarter are:

28 Nov	Mayoral Forum dinner
29 Nov	Mayoral Forum
6 Dec	Communications and Engagement Forum
9 Dec	Corporate and Operations Forums
16 Dec	Economic Development and Policy Forums

## Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Income and Expenditure report - 30 September 2024
- Attachment 2 – Workstream tracker

### Regional Forums Budget 2024/2025 Budget

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Budget 2024/25</b>	<b>Actual 2024/25</b>
<b>Regional Forums Levy 2024/25</b>	<b>Ratios</b>		
Environment Canterbury	21%	\$12,907.32	\$12,907.32
Christchurch City	21%	\$12,907.32	\$12,907.32
Selwyn District	11%	\$6,760.98	\$6,760.98
Waimakariri District	11%	\$6,760.98	\$6,760.98
Ashburton District	10%	\$6,146.34	\$6,146.34
Timaru District	10%	\$6,146.34	\$6,146.34
Hurunui District	5%	\$3,257.54	\$3,257.54
Waimate District	4%	\$2,458.54	\$2,458.54
Waitaki District	4%	\$2,458.54	\$2,458.54
Kaikōura District	3%	\$1,598.05	\$1,598.05
Mackenzie District	3%	\$1,598.05	\$1,598.05
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$63,000.00</b>	<b>\$63,000.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS carried forward from 2023/24</b>		<b>\$114,395.82</b>	<b>\$114,395.82</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE for 2024/25</b>		<b>\$177,395.82</b>	<b>\$177,395.82</b>

EXPENDITURE	Budget 2024/25	Forecast to end of FY (including actuals)	Actual 2024/25
<b>Research</b>			
TBC	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$-
<b>Mayoral Forum Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025</b>			
Housing strategy	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Energy Inventory	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Skills & immigration	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$-
Canterbury Climate Action Plan Launch & Video	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$-
	\$112,500.00	\$112,500.00	\$-
<b>Workshops</b>			
Economic Development workshop	\$1,590.00	\$1,590.00	\$1,590.00
Economic Priorities Business Canterbury	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
	\$31,590.00	\$31,590.00	\$1,590.00
<b>Training Events</b>			
Building blocks for better policy workshop	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$-
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$-
<b>Collaborative projects</b>			
TBC	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Three waters</b>			
Three waters council contributions carried forward	\$9,268.00	\$9,268.00	\$-
	\$9,268.00	\$9,268.00	\$-
<b>Secretariat / Administration</b>			
Travel (secretariat support)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-
Mayoral Forum leaving gifts	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Gifts for guest speakers	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$190.00
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$190.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$159,358.00</b>	<b>\$159,358.00</b>	<b>\$1,780.00</b>

SURPLUS / DEFICIT	Budget 2024/25	Forecast to end of FY (including actuals)	Actual 2024/25
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$177,395.82</b>	<b>\$177,395.82</b>	<b>\$177,395.82</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$159,358.00</b>	<b>\$159,358.00</b>	<b>\$1,780.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$18,037.82</b>	<b>\$18,037.82</b>	<b>\$175,615.82</b>

## Canterbury Regional Forums workstream tracker 2023-2025

Updated 10 October 2024  
Refreshed Plan for Canterbury 23 February 2024

#	Workstream	Reports to	Delivery lead	Update	Status	Due	Budget	Budget status	Outcomes
Continued support of the Te Uru Kahika - Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa business case for permanent co-investment from the Government in river management for flood protection									Government provides permanent co-investment for flood protection
1b	Include in briefings to new Ministers following 2023 general election	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	Included in briefings to Ministers 1 March 2024 Included in Budget 2024	Completed	1 March 2024	\$ -	N/a	Including local share the three funded projects are a combined \$9.5m. This is one part of regional investment to prepare for the impacts of climate change, and consequential emergencies
Advocate with the Government for immigration and skills policies that work for Canterbury									Government adopts a more regional approach to immigration policies
2b	Develop the evidence base on the current state of the labour market in the region, including skills and labour shortages now, and explore growth challenges	Mayoral Forum	Economic Development Forum	Initial budget approved by CEs Forum 1 May. Draft scope to be developed by the Economic Development Forum. Scope under development.	Not started	TBC	\$ 5,000.00	Approved by CEs Forum	
2c	Include in briefings to new Ministers following 2023 general election	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat		Completed	1 March 2024			
Advocate with Government to review transport funding legislation to better empower local authorities to develop local funding solutions									Future funding/investment distribution reflects the contribution of Waitaha/Canterbury to NZ's GDP
3b	include in briefings to new Ministers following 2023 general election	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	Included in briefings to Ministers 1 March 2024	Completed	1-Mar-24			
3c	include in joint RTC CMF submission on Government's Policy Statement on Transport	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	Joint RTC CMF submission on Transport GPS submitted	Completed				
Continue oversight of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy									CWMS remains fit for purpose and the region retains a shared understanding of water management issues
4a	Continue providing regular reporting to the Mayoral Forum and Chief Executives Forum	Mayoral Forum	Environment Canterbury		On track	Ongoing	\$ -	N/a	
Support the Biodiversity Champions as the key conduit for a shared regional approach to biodiversity, facilitating work across the region on the revitalisation of the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy, and the development of a regional biodiversity monitoring framework									A new (refreshed/updated) Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy, including the regional biodiversity monitoring framework
5a	Biodiversity Champions Group established	Mayoral Forum	Environment Canterbury	Biodiversity Champions Terms of Reference confirmed and group established.	Completed	20 July 2023	\$ -	N/a	
5b	Continue providing regular reporting to the Mayoral Forum	Mayoral Forum	Environment Canterbury	The Biodiversity Champions have prepared an updated biodiversity stocktake report which will be presented to the Mayoral Forum at their November 2024 meeting. A regional diversity monitoring programme will be prepared. Included in briefings to Ministers 1 March 2024	On track	Ongoing	\$ -	N/a	
Continue to encourage, support and advocate for research and investment in diversifying and adding value to our agricultural production									
6a	Discuss with Ministers as part of Wellington visit	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	Included in briefing packs for meeting with Ministers in Wellington on 11 May 2023	Completed	11 May 2023	\$ -	N/a	
6b	Include in briefings to new Ministers following 2023 general election	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	Included in briefings to Ministers 1 March 2024	Completed				



## Canterbury Regional Forums workstream tracker 2023-2025

Updated 10 October 2024  
Refreshed Plan for Canterbury 23 February 2024

#	Workstream	Reports to	Delivery lead	Update	Status	Due	Budget	Budget status	Outcomes
Develop a regional housing strategy that will identify the range of housing issues affecting communities across the region and a pathway forward to improve them									The Forum has clarity on housing issues affecting communities in Waitaha/Canterbury and understands pathways for improvement
7a	Investment logic mapping process to clearly identify and articulate the issue that a regional housing strategy will address	Mayoral Forum	Economic Development Forum	ILM workshop held 1 September; outputs from this are being finalised	Completed	30 September 2023	\$ 10,000.00	Approved by CEs Forum	
7b	Undertake a stocktake of current housing strategies across the motu	Mayoral Forum	Economic Development Forum	To be considered in support of the RFQ	on hold	29 February 2024	TBC	N/a	
7b	Develop full scope for Regional Housing Strategy, including budget for CE approval	Mayoral Forum	Economic Development Forum	Budget approved, Request for Quote prepared, RFQ closes 11 October	on track	11 October 2024	\$ 50,000.00	Approved by CEs Forum	
Oversee a Canterbury-wide climate change partnership plan, which will confirm a collaborative vision for regional adaptation planning, an 'urgency assessment' to support prioritising climate actions, and a funding plan laying out a regional/aligned approach for accessing finance for climate actions in Canterbury									Completion of the Climate Change partnership plan and agreement on action planning
8a	Establish Climate Change reference group	Mayoral Forum	Climate Change Working Group	Climate change reference group established, chair Dan Gordon, Mayor Waimakariri District Council.	Completed	1 February 2023	\$ -	N/a	
8b	Deliver Canterbury-wide climate change partnership plan	Mayoral Forum	Climate Change Working Group	Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan approved	Completed	30 August 2024	TBC	Councils inserting bids into LTPs	Plan completed, launch planned for 13 December 2024
8C	Initiate delivery of Climate Partnership Plan actions	Mayoral Forum	Climate Change Working Group Secretariat	To be confirmed following decisions on governance and implementation papers. (CE Forum 21 Oct; Mayoral Forum 29 Nov)	on hold	29 November 2024	as agreed in CCPP	Approved through council LTPs	
Support the region to foster partnerships to investigate barriers and harness opportunities to improve our energy security and systems in ways that maximise benefits for our community, economy, and environment									
9a	preparation of a draft energy inventory to support future regional / sub-regional energy strategies	Mayoral Forum	Economic Development Forum	Scope approved by Mayoral Forum 31 May 2024 RPSC resources onboard and scope of work is being finalised	on track	TBC	\$50,000	Approved by CEs Forum	

## Canterbury Regional Forums workstream tracker 2023-2025

Updated 10 October 2024  
Refreshed Plan for Canterbury 23 February 2024

#	Workstream	Reports to	Delivery lead	Update	Status	Due	Budget	Budget status	Outcomes
Encourage all Canterbury local authorities to complete carbon footprint assessments, to inform action plans for reductions									All Canterbury councils able to understand and report on their emissions
10a	All Canterbury local authorities undertake carbon footprint assessments	Policy Forum	Corporate Forum	All councils have agreed to adopt ISO:14064. A working party, reporting to the Corporate Forum, was reconvened in mid-2021 to collaborate on reporting of data. The Corporate Forum continues to keep a watching brief on this item. March 2024 - councils are taking a variety of approaches to carbon footprint assessments - consideration being given to move this back to the Canterbury Climate Change working group to oversee.	on track	31 December 2020	\$ -	N/a	need to check status of assessments and where this action will sit long-term
Lead development of a 10-year plan for Canterbury councils to move to a common platform for IT systems and digital services (including valuation and rating functions) and secure cost savings through group licensing procurement, with specific concrete actions to be implemented in each year of the 10-year plan									
11a	Conduct a stocktake of Canterbury councils' IT platforms, applications and procurement / licensing cycles and investment intentions to inform planning to move towards a common platform by 2030. Information collated for DIA is to be sent to the CIOs to analyse; they will then report back to the Corporate Forum.	Corporate Forum	Chief Information Officers Group (CIOs)	This action was paused to allow the Forum to complete its project on collaborative procurement. Now that the project is complete, the CIOs will consider the value in continuing with this work and report through to the Forum.	On hold		N/A	N/A	
11b	Develop a business case (with value proposition and a request for funding) to go to member councils to test and build consensus on a collective vision, commitment and understanding of what it might mean over time for procurement and renewal cycles for IT systems and digital services	Corporate Forum	Chief Information Officers Group (CIOs)	As above.	Not started		N/A	N/A	
Develop a proposal for a joined-up procurement system/service for Canterbury councils, including legal services provisioning									Achieve efficiencies in procurement across Canterbury councils in terms of both effort and savings
12	Collaborative procurement project	Corporate Forum	Canterbury Finance Managers Group	Next steps were agreed by the CEs Forum on 31 July, including to join the MahiTahi collaboration portal. A sub-group of CEs are exploring potential opportunities for shared services. Canterbury councils have joined MahiTahi collaboration portal	complete	30 November 2023	\$ 11,000.00	Approved by CEs Forum	
Align renewal of waste minimisation plans to provide a consistent approach to waste management across the region and improve efficiencies									
13a	Align renewal of waste minimisation plans	Operations Forum	Andrew Dixon	Andrew Dixon to work with Canterbury Joint Waste Committee on this.	Not started	30 June 2024	\$ -	N/a	
Engage with central government on the resource management reforms through participation in the Local Government Forum of Chief Executives for resource management reform, reviewing and preparing submissions on new legislation, participating in Select Committee processes									Waitaha/Canterbury views are clearly articulated through the reform process
14b	Include in briefings to new Ministers following 2023 general election	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	Included in briefings to Ministers 1 March 2024	completed				

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#	Workstream	Reports to	Delivery lead	Update	Status	Due	Budget	Budget status	Outcomes
Support regional collaboration as opportunities arise									Waitaha/Canterbury continues to have strong collaboration across councils
16a	Review forums ToRs three-yearly	Chief Executives Forum	Secretariat	Terms of reference reviewed and approved at 6 Nov Chief Executives Forum. Annual review in Nov 2024.	On track	1 November 2024	\$ -	N/a	
16b	Collaborate on LTPs	Policy Forum			Not started		\$ -	N/a	
16c	Hold regional training workshops	Policy Forum		Building Better Policy workshop to be held Jan or March 2025	on track		\$ 2,000.00	Approved by CEs Forum	
16d	Supporting councils with affordable water transitions	Chief Executives Forum	Operations Forum	Action required will be dependent on actions from new government	on hold		\$ -	N/a	

# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

**Date:** 21 October 2024

**Presented by:** Hamish Riach, Chair

## **Water reform**

There is no paper for this item. This is an opportunity for members to provide an update on water reform processes within their respective councils.

# Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

**Date:** 21 October 2024

**Presented by:** Hamish Riach, Chair

## Audit Fees

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to present to the Chief Executives the information provided by councils on their audit fees for both Long-Term Plans and/or Annual Reports.

### Recommendations

**That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:**

1. **note the information provided in this paper on the Canterbury Local Authority Audit Fees**

### Background

2. At the August Mayoral Forum meeting, members were asked to compile the costs of audit for long term plans and annual reports, to provide evidence to support a conversation with Audit New Zealand, Auditor General and/or Ministers on audit fees.

### Process

3. Councils were asked to provide information for both their Long-Term Plan and/or their Annual Report on the following points:
  - A. original agreed budget
  - B. total audit cost to Audit NZ
  - C. component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council
  - D. total costs to councils (A&C)
  - E. total costs to council (D) as a percentage of total rates revenue
4. The information received from councils is provided at Attachment 1. At time of writing Mackenzie District Council had not responded.

### Attachments

- Canterbury Local Authority Audit Fees



## Canterbury Local Authority Audit Fees

			Long Term Plan		Annual Report	
			Dollars	Audit hours	Dollars	Audit hours
Christchurch City Council	A	Original agreed budget	291,500	Not specified	504,059	2,564
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	291,500		825,550(est)	4,004 (est)
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council (total additional as at 16 Sept 2024, no further costs expected)	1,856.47	Disbursements	145,000	648
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	293,356.47		649,059	3,212
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue (2023/24)	0.04%		0.10%	

Selwyn District Council	A	Original agreed budget	60,000.00		212,028.57	
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ				
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	30,573.17		43,924.00	
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	90,573.17		255,952.57	
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		0.10%		0.27%

170.0%

Environment Canterbury	A	Original agreed budget	104,800.00	666	187,886.00	1050
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	282,973.00	1087	223,322.00	1242
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	28,800.00	153	9,098.42	51*
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	133,600.00	819	196,984.42	1101
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		0.08%		0.13%

63.48%

\* The effective hourly rate for Audit NZ has been used

Kaikoura District Council	A	Original agreed budget	\$75,600	287.5**	\$147,500*	560.8
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	\$249,166	947.4	\$220,154	837.1
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	\$17,500	66.5	\$6,136	23.3
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	\$93,100	354	\$153,636	584.2
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		1%		1.67%

67%

\*\* based on an hourly rate of \$263 (cost overrun hourly

\*Discount negotiated before start

Hurunui District Council	A	Original agreed budget	94,200	912	185,000	1022
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	>250,000*	???	Not Stated	1271
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	80,000*		0	
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	174,200*		185,000	
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		0.53%		0.62%

17%

Ashburton District Council	A	Original agreed budget	103,100	Does not state hours	\$253,795	1,200
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	16,400*	80**		
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	This has yet to be finalised and we are disputing 60 of the additional 80 hours	Requested 80 additional hours, which we are debating.	29,000	156*
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	\$119,500		282,795	1,356
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		0.23%		0.54%

135%

\* Noting there was a change in scope due to Audit NZ implementing a new accounting regime for one of our CCO's

\*\*Under discussion

Waitaki District Council	A	Original agreed budget			229,000	1281
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ			317,888	1610
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council			0	0
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)			229,000	

		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		%		<b>0.60%</b>
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We haven't had our LTP yet, so don't have that info. But for the last/2023 annual report

<b>Waimakariri District Council</b>	A	Original agreed budget	106,800	605	222,289	1,200
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	393,360	1511		
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	98,045 sought	310		
			55,000 agreed			
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	161,800		221,703	
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		<b>0.18%</b>		<b>0.28%</b>

56%

we didn't get the actual hours on the 2023 Annual Report audit as there was no recovery of additional fees

The budgeted amount is shown.

audit director, expects that future LTP fees will be similar to Annual Report fees.

<b>Timaru District Council</b>	A	Original agreed budget	\$107,400	832	\$259,004	1150
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	\$392,600		\$405,004	
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	\$55,300	197	\$30,000	?
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	\$162,700		\$289,004	
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		<b>0.22%</b>		<b>0.44%</b>

100%

<b>Waimate District Council</b>	A	Original agreed budget	76,000	504	147,323	878
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	157,232	612	255,873	1384
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	10,000	108	17,675	97
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	86,000	612	164,998	975
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		<b>0.72%</b>		<b>1.26%</b>

75%

Costs of \$66,112 were absorbed by audit for the 2021-31 LTP, which were not quantified into hours (line B).

This was described as being due to an unrealistic budget, unbudgeted travel time and audit team inefficiencies.

The 108 hours is perceivably understated.

The 108 hours in line B had a value of \$15,120, but \$10,000 was agreed as the recovery.

The 108 hours in line C (and D) has not been prorated accordingly.

2023 total rates revenue for the AR and 2021-22 rates revenue for the LTP in calculating the %

<b>Mackenzie District Council</b>	A	Original agreed budget	94,710	589	\$111,584	682
	B	Total audit cost to Audit NZ	319,913	1,424	\$348,781	1520
	C	Component of additional cost sought to be reimbursed from council	51,329 (requested but not approved)	225.4	\$27,368 sought	125.25
	D	Total cost to Council (A & C)	146,039	814	\$138,952	
		Total cost to Council (D) as a % of total rates revenue		<b>0.90%</b>		<b>0.90%</b>

# DRAFT AGENDA

## CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM



<b>Name:</b>	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 29 November 2024
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 am to 1:00 pm (NZDT)
<b>Location:</b>	Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Burnside, Christchurch
<b>Board Members:</b>	Nigel Bowen (Chair), Anne Munro, Craig Rowley, Craig Mackle, Dan Gordon, Gary Kircher, Marie Black, Neil Brown, Peter Scott, Phil Mauger, Sam Broughton, Craig Pauling
<b>Attendees:</b>	Hamish Riach, Hamish Dobbie, Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, Jeff Millward, Sharon Mason, Stefanie Rixecker, Stuart Duncan, Will Doughty, Mary Richardson, Nigel Trainor, Maree McNeilly, Amanda Wall, Ann Fitzgerald
<b>Apologies:</b>	Paul Eagle, Mayor Monique Croon

### 1. Opening meeting

#### 1.1 Karakia, welcome, introductions and apologies

8:30 am (5 min)

Nigel Bowen

##### Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Ko Ngā Tiritiri o te Moana ngā maunga

Ko ngā wai huka ngā awa i rere tonu mai

Ko Ngā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha te whenua

Ko Marokura, ko Mahaanui, ko Araiteuru ngā tai

Tīhei mauri ora!

The Southern Alps stand above

The snow-fed rivers continually flow forth

The plains of Waitaha extend out

To the tides of Marokura, Mahaanui and Araiteuru

Behold, there is life!

#### 1.2 Confirmation of agenda

8:35 am (5 min)

Nigel Bowen

#### 1.3 Minutes from the previous meeting

8:40 am (5 min)

Nigel Bowen

Supporting Documents:

1.3.a Minutes : Canterbury Mayoral Forum - 30 Aug 2024

## 1.4 Action List

Nigel Bowen

Supporting Documents:

1.4.a Action List

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## 2. For discussion and decision

### 2.1 Biodiversity Champions update

8:45 am (15 min)

Craig Pauling, Chair Biodiversity Champions, Acting Chair Environment Canterbury

### 2.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

9:00 am (60 min)

Craig Pauling, Acting Chair Environment Canterbury

## 3. Morning tea

### 3.1 Morning tea

10:00 am (15 min)

## 4. For discussion and decision

### 4.1 Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan implementation and governance

10:15 am (15 min)

## 5. For discussion

### 5.1 Developing economic development priorities for Canterbury

10:30 am (30 min)

Nigel Bowen

## 6. For information

### 6.1 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

11:00 am (15 min)

Diane McDermott

### 6.2 Chief Executives Forum report

11:15 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

### 6.3 Mayoral Forum Activities and Engagements

## 7. General business

### 7.1 General business

11:20 am (5 min)

### 7.2 Meeting review

11:25 am (5 min)

## 8. Close Meeting

### 8.1 Closing karakia

11:30 am (5 min)

Nigel Bowen

Kia tau te rangimarie ki runga I nga iwi o te ao

Haumi e

Hui e

Taiki e

Let peace reign on all the people of the world

Fixed

Bound as one

### 8.2 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** No date for the next meeting has been set.