

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

MEETING PACK

for

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Monday, 29 July 2024

9:00 am (NZST)

Held at:

Selwyn District Council

2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston

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AGENDA

CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

Name:	Canterbury Chief Executives Forum
Date:	Monday, 29 July 2024
Time:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm (NZST)
Location:	Selwyn District Council, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Committee Members:	Hamish Dobbie, Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, Sharon Mason, Stefanie Rixecker, Will Doughty, Nigel Trainor, Mary Richardson
Attendees:	Amanda Wall, Maree McNeilly, Ann Fitzgerald
Apologies:	Hamish Riach (Committee Chair), Stuart Duncan, Jeff Millward
Guests/Notes:	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

9:00 am (2 min)

Hamish Dobbie

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

Thei 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 Dobbie

1.3 Action list

9:05 am (2 min)

Hamish Dobbie

Supporting Documents:

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1.4 Confirm minutes

9:07 am (3 min)

Hamish Dobbie

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2. Discussion

2.1 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

9:10 am (15 min)

Ben Clark

Supporting Documents:

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2.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

9:25 am (5 min)

Stefanie Rixecker

Supporting Documents:

2.2.a	CEF Canterbury Water Management Strategy update Jul 2024.docx	17
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3. Guest Speaker

3.1 Michael Lovett & Hamiora Bowkett, DIA

9:30 am (30 min)

Supporting Documents:

3.1.a	CEF Michael Lovett, Hamiora Bowkett - DIA Jul 2024.docx	31
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4. Morning tea

4.1 Morning tea

10:00 am (15 min)

5. Guest Speaker

5.1 James Caygill - Waka Kotahi NZTA

10:15 am (30 min)

Supporting Documents:

5.1.a	CEF James Caygill - Waka Kotahi NZTA Jul 2024.docx	32
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6. Discussion and decision

6.1 Regional Economic Development Strategy

10:45 am (40 min)

Sharon Mason

Carl Paveltich to facilitate discussion

Supporting Documents:

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6.1.b	CEF Regional Economic Development Strategy Jul 2024 Attachment 1.pdf	37
6.1.c	CEF Regional Economic Development Strategy Jul 2024 Attachment 2.pdf	38

6.2 Regional Housing Strategy - update

11:25 am (5 min)

Sharon Mason

Simon Hart (Waimakariri)

Supporting Documents:

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6.2.b	CEF Regional Housing Strategy Jul 2024 - Attachment 1.docx	56
6.2.c	CEF Regional Housing Strategy Jul 2024 Attachment 2.docx	58

6.3 Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan - update

11:30 am (5 min)

Dr Tim Davie

Supporting Documents:

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6.3.b	CEF Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan - update Jul 2024 Attachment 1.pdf	76

6.4 Water Reform

11:35 am (5 min)

Hamish Dobbie

Supporting Documents:

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6.5 Regional forums update

11:40 am (10 min)

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

Supporting Documents:

6.5.a	CEF Regional forums update Jul 2024.docx	101
6.5.b	Strategic workplan and workstream tracker - Attachment 3.pdf	110

7. For information

7.1 Draft Mayoral Forum agenda

11:50 am (5 min)

Hamish Dobbie

Supporting Documents:

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8. General business

8.1 General business 11:55 am (5 min)

8.2 Meeting debrief 12:00 pm (5 min)

9. Close Meeting

9.1 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

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

Action List

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

As of: 19 Jul 2024

Action

In Progress

Share Alex's presentation with Economic Development Forum and see how we can advance it on the regional level.

17 May - Alex to provide presentation to Regional Energy Inventory governance group, once established.

Due Date: 31 Jul 2024

Owner: Sharon Mason

Meeting: 6 May 2024 Canterbury Chief Executives Forum, 5.2 Economic opportunities climate change & sustainability

Latest Update:

I will present a regional approach to CEs at the meeting.

Sharon Mason | 18 Jul 2024

Action

In Progress

Selwyn District Council will share their recently developed Investment and Economic Strategies.

26 June; advised that strategy is going to council on 13 August, will be shared following that meeting.

Due Date: 18 Aug 2024

Owner: Sharon Mason

Meeting: 29 Jan 2024 Canterbury Chief Executives Forum, 2.1 Discussion

Latest Update:

The strategy has been delayed to July . We remain committed to sharing when endorsed

Sharon Mason | 3 May 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 til September meeting

Due Date: 2 Sept 2024

Owner: Amanda Wall

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

MINUTES (in Review)

CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

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Location:	Selwyn District Council, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Committee Members:	Hamish Riach (Committee Chair), Nigel Trainor, Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, Jeff Millward, Will Doughty, Mary Richardson
Apologies:	Stuart Duncan, Stefanie Rixecker, Sharon Mason, Hamish Dobbie, Ann Fitzgerald, Maree McNeilly
Guests:	Emma Davis (for Maree McNeilly); Ewa Jankowska (for Ann Fitzgerald); Tim Harris, Selwyn District Council (for Sharon Mason) after 9.30am; Jesse Burgess (ECan) for items 2.1 and 2.2; Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner (Item 5.1)
Notes:	Apology from Dr Tim Davie (Item 2.2)

1. Open Meeting

1.1 Welcome, karakia and apologies

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting was opened with karakia.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

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

1.3 Action list

1.4 Confirm minutes

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum 29 Jan 2024, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Decision

The minutes were confirmed.

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Sharon Mason
Seconder: Will Doughty
Outcome: Approved

2. Discussion and Decision

2.1 Regional energy inventory

Jesse Burgess (ECan) and Sharon Mason spoke to the paper outlining a proposal for a regional energy inventory, as a starting point for a future energy strategy.

Sharon acknowledged colleagues who supported this piece of work. First meeting concluded that a more proactive and collaborative approach is needed, priorities must be narrowed down, considering CMF key strategies and consistency with central government focus. There was good consensus among participants. Mayoral Forum wanted to focus on energy and sustainability going forward and to support this aspiration energy inventory seemed to be the first step.

Inventory gives a reference and informs the future strategic plan that needs to be developed. It looks at energy supply and demand side, understanding the current state including legislation, providers, infrastructure etc.

It was noted that strength and unity are key to this coalition being successful, hence support from a group of Executives to send the message on their level is sought.

The Forum members were supportive of the idea, noting that taking a passive role carries big risks, so an active role is important for this initiative. It was acknowledged that work could be done on different levels (local, regional, subregional), and that energy efficiency, industry productivity, and healthy homes are crucial to understanding the current situation.

It was noted that creating of a Regional Energy Inventory would be the first step to determine future cooperation and a regional approach to energy. Next step is to set up a small steering group, finalize the scope and get a plan with the project to commence 1 July 2024.

Concern was raised about the initiative committing a whole 1 FTE for a duration of 12 months and how the funding was going to be used. It was agreed that the estimate was about 6-8 months and up to 12 months. Forum asked for reporting and updates and amended the carried recommendations to reflect the requirements.

9:32 Sharon left the meeting



Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

1. approved the proposed approach to the development of a Canterbury Regional Energy Inventory
2. agreed that a sub-group / steering group, with an associated Terms of Reference, be established to finalise the Scope of Work, lead the procurement of any external expertise as required, oversee the development of the Canterbury Regional Energy Inventory, and report back through the Canterbury Economic Development Forum
3. noted that resourcing (one internal FTE) from the Regional Public Service Commission within the Ministry of Social Development is available to support the development of the Canterbury Regional Energy Inventory

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Alex Parmley
Second: Will Doughty
Outcome: Approved



Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum asked the Chair of the Economic Development Forum to develop and provide a project plan that includes a timeline and resourcing, and report back to CE's Forum in preparation for the Mayoral Forum on the 31st of May.

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Mary Richardson
Seconded: Jeff Millward
Outcome: Approved



Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum agreed to allocate approximately \$50,000 of funding from within the Canterbury Mayoral Forum budget to the development of the Canterbury Regional Energy Inventory, subject to the project plan and outcome of works.

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Alex Parmley
Seconded: Will Doughty
Outcome: Approved



Action

Chair of the Economic Development Forum to develop and provide a project plan that includes a timeline and resourcing, and report back to CEs Forum in preparation for the Mayoral Forum on the 31st of May

17 May - updated paper with timeline and resourcing emailed to CEs.

Due Date: 17 May 2024
Owner: Sharon Mason

2.2 Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan - update

Dr Tim Davie was an apology for this paper, Jesse Burgess spoke to the paper in his absence.

Discussion was centred around the uncertainty of CCPP funding at this stage and implications for action delivery. Councils cannot confirm funding before LTP budget deliberations are complete.

Forum is supportive of the Plan; however, concerns were raised around the challenge to deliver all actions in 3 years. Seen by some as very ambitious.

A comment was made around prioritising actions to be able to deliver it within 3 years.

Regional Emission Inventory was noted as an example of how we can support each other with relevant data and funding to support climate change work in districts.

The importance of regional collaboration was acknowledged and the need to have consistent comms (and connected comms around how the CCPP aligns with councils climate change work)

Communications plan is being developed.



Decision

The Chief Executives Forum:

1. noted the project update on the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan and draft actions to be tabled at Canterbury councils for elected member feedback in April/May 2024
2. noted implementation options for Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan actions are being developed for agreement by the Climate Action Planning Reference Group following LTP budget deliberations in June 2024
3. noted the first draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan, due to be designed and shared with Canterbury councils in June 2024
4. noted the draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan and Communications Plan, endorsed by the Climate Action Planning Reference Group on 18 April 2024

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Alex Parmley

Seconded: Jeff Millward
Outcome: Approved



Action

Populate the plan updates for Kaikōura, MacKenzie, Ashburton before the Mayoral Forum on May 31st.

16 May - information received from all councils and included in the plan.

Due Date: 17 May 2024
Owner: Maree McNeilly

3. CE discussion time

3.1 Discussion

Members discussed:

- Challenges around the healthcare system and challenges for councils in that regard;
- Health and Safety issue of threats to council staff and elected members;
- Audit in councils;
- LTP submissions to councils and general themes



Action

CE Forum Chair to reach out to Taituarā to discuss the issue of threats and inquire if Taituarā has a role/recommendation for keeping Council staff safety.

Due Date: 5 Jun 2024
Owner: Hamish Riach

4. Morning tea

4.1 Morning tea

5. Discussion

5.1 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

Ben Clark spoke to his paper. Ben will be coming out of the current role depending on how fast a successor can be found. A new director has been recruited and the team should be full by the end of the year.

New public service targets have been released by the Central government with Ministers asking officials about how to meet these targets. More accountability and control is needed over the next periods.

The Chair acknowledged Ben's contribution to the role and wished him all the best for the future.



Action

Follow up with Regional Public Service Commissioner on who will be appointed to the role, once Ben Clark leaves the position.

1 July - email sent to Ben to follow up on appointment process

126 July - Ben will attend 29 July meeting and will be able to update CEs on the appointment process.

Due Date: 30 Jun 2024
Owner: Maree McNeilly

5.2 Economic opportunities climate change & sustainability

Alex gave a presentation on the Solent and Cleantech Cluster, focusing on the potential for business growth, cost savings, and community upliftment that can arise from a low or zero carbon economy. Alex had a role in the development of the cluster, helping to build it. They were the first accredited organisation in the UK.

Drawing from his experiences in the UK, he emphasized that while Canterbury's unique context and opportunities should be considered, the starting point should be a conscious effort to change the current discourse, challenge the status quo, and foster creativity.

One of the keys to success for Solent was setting clear priorities from the start, not only to lower carbon emissions but to provide systemic change, benefiting the whole economy and society, including lower socioeconomic groups.

Alex stressed the importance of cooperation and elaborated on Cleantech Clusters, giving examples of Styria in Austria and Copenhagen being successful thanks to close cooperation of Business, Government and Research/Education institutions. Cleantech cluster supported businesses, universities, venture capitalists etc. in the region for new green technology, low carbon emissions project development.

For councils in Solent area energy became a huge part of the investment portfolio. They focused on investment in energy storage (3 schemes in 3 sites, 6th largest portfolio of energy storage in the UK) and generated significant income and savings for the government. Central message from Alex is that there is a great economic opportunity and potential financial benefit in cooperating to lower emissions and that climate agenda will be prioritized when it's financially viable.



Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum noted the information from the discussion on business growth and opportunities for a low/zero carbon economy.

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Hamish Riach
Seconder: Angela Oosthuizen
Outcome: Approved



Action

Share Alex's presentation with Economic Development Forum and see how we can advance it on the regional level.

17 May - Alex to provide presentation to Regional Energy Inventory governance group, once established.

Due Date: 31 Jul 2024
Owner: Sharon Mason



Action

Share the Alex Parmley's presentation with Christchurch New Zealand and see what the next steps could be and how this could be started

Due Date: 31 May 2024
Owner: Mary Richardson

6. For discussion and decision

6.1 Water Reform

11:40 Sharon returned to the meeting.

It was noted that

- the controlling entity might be more localized, but the work might look different depending on the region. CEs Forum thought there should be further assessment.
- the work wasn't about recommendation of options but more about being on the same page in terms of information we have, regardless of a path chosen forward.



Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum agreed to seek the Mayoral Forum's approval to allocate regional forums budget to review the PWC three waters reports (April 2021), with up-to-date 2024 LTP information, and information received from the NTU / DIA Official information Request, and other relevant data for potential options for future three waters service delivery.

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Alex Parmley
Second: Sharon Mason
Outcome: Approved



Action

Secretariat to review the paper, wherever it reads "Canterbury-wide model" it should say to support all councils/assist a number of options (paragraphs 5 & 9, potentially others).

Paper updated to reflect CE Forum discussion.

Due Date: 17 May 2024
Owner: Maree McNeilly

6.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

The paper was taken as read. There was a discussion about the purpose of the upcoming workshop at this month's Mayoral forum meeting.



Decision

The Chief Executives Forum:

1. noted the ongoing importance of a Canterbury-led approach to freshwater management
2. noted the work underway to ensure the Canterbury Water Management Strategy continues to be relevant for our communities
3. received the update on:
 - a. the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Committee review
 - b. partners' work towards implementing the Canterbury Water Management Strategy for January to March 2024

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Will Doughty
Second: Angela Oosthuizen

6.3 Future for Local Government and shared services

There were no further updates on this item.

6.4 Regional forums update

Will on Comms Forum: There is a conversation around customer services and frontline staff safety, and they are raising it to Taituarā.

Angela on Corporate Forum: There was a roundtable around LTPs.

Sharon on Economic Development Forum: Making good progress on clear and defined work programme, needing to link into Policy Forum (Hamish D).

Angela spoke to the corporate forum section.

Economic Forum would use the case of Energy first, take the learnings and then take into more broad economic strategy.



Decision

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:

1. received the quarterly reports on March 2024 regional forum meetings and updates on the workstream tracker
2. approved expenditure to X4 Consulting of \$9,560.82 for the Information Management Maturity assessment, be funded from the \$35,000 allocated to the Canterbury Records and Information Managers Support Group to support work on three waters reform, with the balance returned to the Regional Forums budget
3. noted that any subsequent funding requests, from CPRAES/CRIMS will be the subject of a business case to the Chief Executives Forum
4. received the quarterly update on the 2023-24 regional forums budget.

Decision Date: 6 May 2024
Mover: Sharon Mason
Second: Will Doughty
Outcome: Approved

7. For information

7.1 Draft Mayoral Forum agenda

The agenda was acknowledged. There are no guest speakers confirmed for the meeting at this time. There was a suggestion to bring an Ashburton flavour to the dinner with a local Ashburton guest speaker



Action

Hamish R to give some thought to potential local guest speaker

16 May: James McKenzie NZ Ski (Mt Hutt) and Opuke Hot Pools has accepted the invitation to attend the Mayoral Forum meeting on 31 May

Due Date: 20 May 2024
Owner: Hamish Riach

8. General business

8.1 General business

There were no items of general business

8.2 Meeting debrief

The next meeting was discussed and interest was expressed in meeting with Waka Kotahi or Michael Lovett or Hamiora Bowkett from DIA – check availability.



Action

Check availability of the potential guests for upcoming CE Forum meetings

26 June: Email sent to Hamish R to find out who the forum would like to hear from.

1 July - invitations sent to James Caygill (NZTA) and Michael Lovett & Hamiora Bowkett

Due Date: 30 Jun 2024

Owner: Maree McNeilly

9. Close Meeting

9.1 Closing karakia

Meeting closed at 12.29

9.2 Close the meeting

Next meeting: Canterbury Chief Executives Forum - 29 Jul 2024, 9:00 am

Other upcoming meetings:

- Mayoral Forum – Friday 31 May 2024 8.30am-1.00pm at Te Whare Whakatere, Ashburton District Council

Signature:_____

Date:_____

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 July 2024

Presented by: Ben Clark, Regional Public Service Commissioner

Regional Public Service Commissioner update

There is no paper for this item.

Ben Clark will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 July 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.

Recommendation

That the Chief Executives Forum:

1. receive the update for April to June 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. In August 2023 the Canterbury Mayoral Forum agreed to a review of CWMS water zone committees (the review). The review is underway and considers the structure, function and resourcing needed to continue supporting local leadership to achieve freshwater outcomes. Feedback has been sought from zone committees, past and present zone committee Rūnanga representatives, and mana whenua. Interviews with each Canterbury mayor and Environment Canterbury lead councillors were held between April and June 2024.
3. An update on the review, and preliminary insights, was provided to the Mayoral Forum on 31 May 2024. Environment Canterbury also held a workshop to clarify the Mayors' collective view on local freshwater leadership. Mayors highlighted the importance of a collaborative partnership with Environment Canterbury, and stronger involvement from district/city councils going forward. However, views diverged on whether zone committees (or similar groups) are required in the future, with perspectives ranging from disestablishing them through to strengthening them.
4. The review's next steps will focus on investigating ideas from workshops and interviews with options to be presented to the November Mayoral Forum meeting for their decision.
5. 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 ZC Chairs and Deputies (<i>completed</i>)
Apr 2024	Engagement with mayors, mana whenua and ZC (<i>completed</i>)
May 2024	Workshop with Mayoral Forum (<i>completed</i>)
Jul - Aug 2024	Briefing and updates to key CWMS parties
Aug 2024	Preliminary report to Mayoral Forum
Nov 2024	Final report to Mayoral Forum

CWMS zone committee updates

6. All zone committees have now allocated their Action Plan budgets of \$75,000 each to implement on the ground actions to support the delivery of CWMS targets and goals.
7. Attachment 1 provides an update on key regional projects and campaigns.
8. Attachment 2 provides a summary of the last three months' progress of zone committee projects.
9. Note the \$75,000 available in 2023/24 from the CWMS Action Plan Budget for the Hurunui Waiau zone is to be used for projects supporting CWMS Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity, and Kaitiakitanga Targets.

Update on central government action that may impact freshwater outcomes

Resource Management Act reform

10. Submissions on the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill closed on 30 June. The bill proposes to:
 - remove the Te Mana o te Wai hierarchy of obligations from consent decisions
 - suspend requirements for councils to identify and notify new significant natural areas
 - align the consenting pathway for coal mining with other mineral extraction
 - repeal Intensive Winter Grazing regulations in the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (NES-F)
 - amend regulations in the Stock Exclusion Regulations relating to sloped land
 - change the process to develop national direction.
11. The bill is the first of two bills that propose targeted changes to the resource management system. The second bill is still in development.

Changes to farm-facing freshwater direction and funding

12. In April 2024, Ministers McClay and Hoggard announced their intent to improve freshwater farm plans so that they are more cost-effective and practical for farmers. As part of this, officials are looking at ways to integrate existing farm environment plans or industry assurance programmes into the system. Environment Canterbury is engaged in this work through Te Uru Kahika – Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa.
13. In June 2024, Ministers McClay, Hoggard and Patterson announced a funding commitment to support locally led catchment groups. This includes:
 - \$36 million over four years for regionally based Ministry for Primary Industries staff who support catchment groups on-the-ground
 - \$950,000 over 4 years for the Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes Catchment Group Collective
 - \$625,000 over 4 ½ years for the Mackenzie Basin Catchment Collective
 - \$625,000 over 4 ½ years for the Upper Waikirikiri Catchment Collective.

Fast-track Approvals Bill

14. Submissions on the Fast-track Approvals Bill closed in April 2024. The bill would enable a fast-track decision-making process for infrastructure and development projects that are considered to have significant regional or national benefits. To access the fast-track approvals process, project owners would need to apply to the joint Ministers. A project would then be referred to an expert panel to assess the project and make a recommendation to the joint Ministers, who would then determine whether the approvals should be granted or declined.
15. It is understood that water infrastructure projects may seek approval through the fast-track decision-making process.

Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill

16. Submissions on Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Amendments) Bill closed 13 June 2024. This bill proposes to establish the framework and preliminary arrangements for the new water services system for territorial authorities and Auckland Council. Key points of the bill include:
 - requirement for territorial authorities to submit (within 12 months of enactment) Water Services Delivery Plans to the Secretary for Local Government for consideration as to whether they comply with requirements under the bill
 - requirement for territorial authorities to include in those plans baseline information about their water services operations (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater), including compliance with regulatory requirements, information on assets, revenue, expenditure, pricing, and projected capital expenditure, as well as necessary financing arrangements, as a first step towards future economic regulation
 - streamlined consultation and decision-making processes for setting up water services council-controlled organisations (water services CCOs)

- provisions that enable a new, financially sustainable model for Auckland's Watercare.

Taumata Arowai reports

17. In June 2024, Taumata Arowai published the following reports under the Water Services Act:

- **Drinking Water Regulation Report 2023** includes data and information for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023 provided by registered drinking water suppliers about the safety of their drinking water supplies. Summary data associated with this report will also be released on Taumata Arowai website.
- **Network Environmental Performance Report 2022/23** includes data and information for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 provided by operators of publicly owned drinking water networks, as well as some information about public wastewater and urban stormwater networks. Raw data associated with this report will also be released on Taumata Arowai website.
- **Performance Summary of the Water Services Sector 2023** is a summary of the key findings from both reports.

Update on regional government action that may impact freshwater outcomes

Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan 2024-34

18. Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan 2024-34, agreed by Council on 24 June 2024, includes a number of outcome measures aligned with those of the CWMS. These outcome measures focus regional government's work on, for instance, measurable improvements in the health and wellbeing of waterbodies and freshwater ecosystems, wetlands, braided rivers and coastal environment.
19. This focus on outcomes is a bold approach that will support transparency and accountability for regional government. While Environment Canterbury can contribute to and influence these outcomes, real progress needs contributions from many groups – including communities, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, and Papatipu Rūnanga.

Environment Canterbury planning work programme

Regional Policy Statement

20. Environment Canterbury continues to progress the review of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS).
21. Consultation on a draft RPS has occurred over June and July 2024 with the statutory group of ministers of the Crown, territorial authorities, neighbouring regional councils and mana whenua. However, to ensure the draft RPS is well tested by a cross section of the community prior to notification, Environment Canterbury is also consulting with key selected groups including Waitaha Members of Parliament, environmental organisations,

and agricultural and developer industry groups that participated in the two early engagement phases last year.

22. Environment Canterbury is working with each council's planning team to ensure district and city 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](#)¹.

Plan Change 8

23. Environment Canterbury is working to notify a plan change 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
24. This proposed plan change is 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.
25. Canterbury councils have found temporary solutions to address some of the immediate problems that were created by the decision. Environment Canterbury recognises these are 'stop-gap' measures and not a permanent solution. However, with some of these immediate issues temporarily addressed by councils, Environment Canterbury is now 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.
26. Environment Canterbury expects the bulk of the work to be completed in September 2024, with notification in October or November 2024 depending on Environment Canterbury Council meetings and briefing schedules. Currently staff anticipate a draft being released for pre-notification consultation to councils (via their planning teams) in mid to late August 2024.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Key regional projects/campaigns April to June 2024

Attachment 2: Zone Committee Action Plan overview April to June 2024

¹ <https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/about-our-future-canterbury>

Attachment 1: Key regional projects/campaigns April to June 2024

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 Areas², 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](#)³.

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, organisations and landowners. This work supports progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target.
4. The Ōtūwharekai Working Group is progressing their Draft Integrated Catchment Plan. Statutory agencies are providing their input into the plan, detailing the actions and timelines they will work towards to improve the health of the lakes. In the coming months, this will be circulated to the full working group (farmers and Rūnanga) and with stakeholders in the Ōtūwharekai community to incorporate their contribution to restoring water quality and ecosystems at the lakes.
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. The most recent water quality monitoring results, as well as progress updates on other actions, are available at www.ecan.govt.nz/otuwharekai.

Whakaora Te Waihora Programme

7. The Whakaora Te Waihora Programme is an operational programme of the Te Waihora Co-Governance Group to restore and rejuvenate the mana, mauri and ecosystem of Te Waihora/ Lake Ellesmere (supporting progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity, and Kaitiakitanga Targets). The Co-Governance members are Te

² 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.

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

Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Selwyn District Council, Christchurch City Council, and Department of Conservation.

8. 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). The project made significant advances from April to June with the installation of 22,000 riparian plants; the lodging of applications for resource consents for re-creating a wetland and stream habitat improvement; and the continued delivery of a mātauranga Māori and water quality monitoring programme.
9. A hui of the Whakakōhanga Kōrero was held. This is a forum of multiple organisations delivering operations in the landscape around Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere, who meet periodically to foster the sharing of information and a cooperative approach to the restoration of the lake.
10. The first phase of the Te Waihora GIS Platform was completed. This platform was designed to support the organisations in the Whakakōhanga Kōrero forum through displaying project sites across multiple organisations in a digital map, in order to inform operational decisions (e.g. project planning, the development of partnership projects), strategic decisions (e.g. priorities, funding allocation), and communication. The platform is independent of any organisation and allows organisations control over their data and to choose the data they share.

Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Programme

11. The Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Programme is designed to improve the environmental and cultural values of Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour (supporting progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target). 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.
12. A recent focus of the programme has been building stronger relationships with various agencies in the landscape engaged in complimentary habitat restoration and ecological protection. These groups include Pest Free Banks Peninsula, Living Springs, Orton Bradley, Summit Road Society, and Banks Peninsula Water Zones Committee. This has been achieved by running collaboration workshops, leading strategy discussions, and actively attending planning hui.
13. There has been active communication to different audiences about the programme's goals and works. This has included: assisting Christchurch City Council in their Green Pavlova conference field trip; developing and delivering workshops and lessons for the Untouched World akonga event 'Whakaraupō Moana' held at Rāpaki for a week in May; presenting to a WEA adult learning event; and presenting to a University of Canterbury sustainability student field trip.

14. A titi re-introduction feasibility study was completed through collaborative work between the programme, a Co-Chair of the Whaka-Ora Governance Group, and the Department of Conservation. The next steps are to proceed with further assessments into the viability and overall costs of this objective.

Waitarakao Washdyke Lagoon

15. The draft *Our Waitarakao: Waitarakao Washdyke Lagoon Catchment Strategy* is available for public feedback until 15 July 2024 and can be found at [Our Waitarakao Washdyke Lagoon Catchment | Have Your Say \(ecan.govt.nz\)](https://www.ecan.govt.nz/our-waitarakao-washdyke-lagoon-catchment/).
16. 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. It includes the following five overall outcomes, which each have objectives, first steps, and ongoing actions:
 1. Ecological revitalisation or restoration achieves and sustains thriving, healthy, functioning ecosystems.
 2. Increase mahinga kai to enable customary harvest of food and resources that were traditionally gathered from the area, ki uta ki tai.
 3. Enable the community to appropriately interact with the catchment.
 4. The community is informed about, and involved in, the restoration of the mauri/life force of the Waitarakao catchment.
 5. Resilience planning reduces the environmental, social, cultural, and economic impacts of natural hazards.

Te Mōkihi Programme

17. The Te Mōkihi Programme focuses on improving environmental, cultural, social and economic outcomes in Te Manahuna/ Mackenzie Basin (supporting progress towards the Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Target). 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.
18. Rūnanga Chairs, Mayors, Chief Executives, and Steering Committee members will meet for a wānanga in July 2024, where a new vision, purpose, and structure for the programme will be developed. The Te Mōkihi Programme interagency fora have continued to meet regularly with the following topics being discussed:
 - The Communications and Engagement Group is working on an updated communications plan for the programme, and a holding statement for each agency's website that gives an overall view of the programme and contact details. This is an interim measure while the focus of the programme is reconsidered by all eight partners.

- The Interagency Officers Forum is working together on reconsenting the Waitaki Power Scheme and is also jointly considering consent applications for solar arrays. They meet monthly to look at consent applications for Te Manahuna.
- The Operations Managers Group is working on how to help each other with work in Te Manahuna following budget cuts to central government agencies and the loss of the Jobs for Nature funding.

Attachment 2: Zone Committee Action Plan overview April to June 2024

Kaikōura Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Natural Character of Braided Rivers Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Kaitiakitanga wahi taonga & biodiversity	Enhance biodiversity, and improve amenity and recreation values Support our community to respond to changing requirements, and share resources for good management practice Facilitate understanding of catchment systems within the zone, build community knowledge and connection to these systems and increase public participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At its May meeting, the Committee received a report from the Kaikoura Sport Tasman Coordinator, seeking support on a proposal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate and build confidence of tamariki, rangatahi, tourists and the wider community around the dangers of the oceans, safe swimming, surfing, diving and fishing areas, and educate on the tikanga around kai moana collection. The Committee also decided on a Focus Catchment Map Series (on offer from the Wai Connection project) for the 'Kaikoura Flats' catchment. Production of this resource is underway. The Committee attended a 2 day 'Te Tiriti o Waitangi' Training held at Takahanga Marae on 11-12 June. This was facilitated by Sharon Annett of Treaty Education. The offer of training, collaboration and connection was also offered to Kaikoura District Council, local ECan staff, the Hurunui District Landcare Group, Amuri Irrigation Company, Hurunui District Council Biodiversity Officer, Waimakariri Water Zone Committee and the East Coast Community Organisation. This opportunity was well received by the 15 from these groups who attended.

Waimakariri Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Drinking Water Natural Character of Braided Rivers Recreation and Amenity Opportunities Kaitiakitanga	Improve monitoring of water resources Biodiversity improvements Braided Rivers Recreation resources Mahinga kai improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee held a workshop in mid-April to provide feedback into the CWMS Zone Committee Review currently underway and review the project applications received for the CWMS Action Plan Budget available for 2023/24. At its 6 May meeting the Committee confirmed its support of recommendations to fund the following projects from the CWMS Action Plan Budget in 2023/24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bittern Inanga Rushland – Air Charter Queenstown (\$15,000) Hunters Stream – J & G Freeman (\$5,285) Ketchum Cottage wetland – A Wilson (\$7,210) O'kair Lagoon – J Wakeman & M Stewart (\$15,000) Pohio Wetland – N Auld (\$11,700) Riparian enhancement project – Whiterock Mains (\$6,000) Sefton Saltwater Creek Catchment Group Yr3 monitoring (\$2,805) Waimakariri Biodiversity Working Group – Environmental Awards (\$3,000) Estuary shorebird monitoring – Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group (\$9,000) The Committee's next meeting will be on Monday 1 July 2024.

Christchurch-West Melton		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Kaitiakitanga Recreation and Amenity opportunities	Enhance mahinga kai Engage with community Enhance ecosystem health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee held a workshop in late March to provide feedback into the CWMS Zone Committee Review. With no meeting or workshop held in April and May, the Committee meeting held on 27 June focused on the committee's support and involvement in the proposed Stormwater Superheroes Awards for 2024, and how the Committee's CWMS Action Plan aligned with the Community Waterways Partnership. The meeting also reviewed its schedule and priorities for the remainder of 2024.

Banks Peninsula Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Kaitiakitanga	Collaborate on practical projects including fish passage Engage with community and partner with organisations Advocate for and be engaged in improved erosion and sediment control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April, the Committee held a workshop on Fish Passage to understand more about instream barriers, work being undertaken by Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury, requirements and tools to support landowners to remediate structures. The committee made a recommendation to Environment Canterbury to utilise a prioritization tool and noted more work was needed to educate the community. As a result, Environment Canterbury will be developing a targeted communications campaign highlighting the tool. In May, the Committee received a presentation from Whaka-ora Healthy Harbour on its partnership approach. The presentation also identified synergies with the committee (e.g. catchment prioritisation and community engagement support). In June, the Committee agreed to become a partner of the Community Waterways Partnership (CWP) seeing it as an opportunity to collaborate on issues of importance to the Banks Peninsula community e.g. erosion and sediment control and leverage off support provided by CWP.

Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Natural Character of Braided Rivers Recreation and Amenity opportunities Kaitiakitanga	Catchment nutrient targets and water quality outcomes Enhance mahinga kai, recreation and amenity values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April, the Committee held a workshop focussed on influencing freshwater improvements and how they could play a greater role. The Committee identified areas where they would like to expand their efforts (e.g. increased community engagement, raising awareness of critical issues, and working closer with the coalition of the willing to gain traction on issues). The Committee participated in CWMS Zone Committees Review workshop to provide feedback to Environment Canterbury on future freshwater leadership requirements. In May, the Committee, with Quorum Sense, hosted a screening of 'Six Inches of Soil', a UK documentary telling the stories of farmers using regenerative farming practices including their trials and tribulations. This was followed by a panel discussion made up of Canterbury farmers who use regenerative farming techniques. The event highlighted some of the challenges faced and opportunities with regenerative farming and the differences between the UK and local settings. The Committee had an online workshop to formulate and provide feedback to Environment Canterbury on its Council Representation Review.

Ashburton Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Environmental Limits Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Recreation and Amenity opportunities	Support measures to enhance recreation and amenity opportunities Improving ecosystem health and meeting biodiversity targets Supporting Hakatere / Ashburton River and its tributaries (including Carters Creek) and Hekeao Hinds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April, the Committee made recommendations to allocate the remaining Zone Committee Action Plan Budget to three projects. Two projects will work towards improved water quality and include a biochar trial along Carters Creek to reduce pollutants entering Lake Hood, and support building the baseline water quality data for the Hekeao Hinds Hill Country Catchment Group. The third project supports improving native biodiversity through the Methven Birdsong Garden of Harmony Project which aims to restore native birdsong to Methven. The Committee continues to follow on progress made by the Greenstreet irrigation group and Environment Canterbury. Where necessary the group has received regular updates and/or support from the Committee.

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Kaitiakitanga Recreation and Amenity opportunities	Lowland Stream health Protection, enhancement and restoration of mahinga kai sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved funding to ensure the survival of Opihi Lagoon dryland plants. This area was planted with Jobs for Nature funding which is being discontinued at the end of June 2024. The Committee recommended funding to develop a remediation strategy for Pig Hunting Creek Lagoon, a coastal lagoon south of Timaru. Improving the ecological functioning of Pig Hunting Creek will contribute to restoring mahinga kai regionally. Improvements to the coastal wetlands will support the health of the adjacent Tuhawaiki mataitai where shellfish are gathered.

Upper Waitaki Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Recreation and Amenity opportunities Kaitiakitanga	<p>Support catchment groups taking collective action to reduce losses of contaminants, prioritised where they are addressing identified at-risk areas</p> <p>Explore opportunities to partner with key community groups who are focused on waterways, such as the Ahuriri Catchment Community Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At its 19 April meeting the Committee received an update from the Ahuriri Catchment Community Group and discussed future engagement with and support for farmers in this priority catchment. The Committee also received proposals for consideration seeking support from the CWMS Action Plan Budget for 2023/24. At its 17 May meeting the Committee confirmed its support of recommendations to fund the following projects from the CWMS Action Plan Budget in 2023/24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church of the Good Sheperd – Stage two grounds planting (\$7,500) Love our Lakes Summer Facebook Campaign (\$1,415) Lindis Pass lupin control – Canterbury side (\$15,000) Ahuriri Catchment Community Group – facilitator 2024 (\$12,000) Omarama and Twizel demonstration plots – maintenance (\$19,000) Wairepo Creek restoration project (\$20,000) The Committee also hosted their annual Hāngī on 17 May at Omarama Station, hosted by Richard and Annabelle Subtil. Pupils and teachers from Omarama Primary School attended, alongside local members of the committee and Ahuriri Catchment Community Group, and the wider community. The day was ably supported by the zone committee's Arowhenua and Waihao Rūnanga representatives, and the Wai Connection team from EOS Ecology. The Committee has no meeting scheduled for June 2024 and will hold a workshop and field visit in late July with the Wairepo Creek restoration project to better understand how this project can be supported.

Lower Waitaki Zone Committee		
Target Area	Focus of the Action Plan	Highlights of practical work underway
Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity Recreation and Amenity opportunities Kaitiakitanga	<p>Identifying and championing new and existing riparian, stream and wetland projects</p> <p>Lessen urban activities' impact on Wainono Lagoon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April and May the Committee focussed on projects to improve urban waterways recommending funding for three projects within the Waimate area. Riparian native planting will be undertaken along Waimate Stream by the Waimate Trackways group and along Waimate Gorge by the Friends of Studholme Bush Reserve. The third project is the establishment of a shade house for Waimate High School's Enviro group to propagate plants for the school grounds and within Waimate Highs "Bio zone" project. This project is supported by Waimate District Council who are supplying expertise and the space on their land near the school.

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 July 2024

Presented by: Hamish Dobbie, Chair

Guest Speakers: Michael Lovett & Hamiora Bowkett, DIA

There is no paper for this item.

This item is an opportunity for a roundtable discussion with Michael and Hamiora on water reform matters. Michael and Hamiora have been invited to discuss the Government's water services reform programme and the various challenges and opportunities the new legislation provides for councils.

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 July 2024

Presented by: Hamish Dobbie, Chair

Guest Speaker: James Caygill, Waka Kotahi NZTA

There is no paper for this item.

This item is an opportunity for a roundtable discussion with James Caygill. James has been invited to provide Forum members with an update on the recently released Government Policy Statement, the upcoming National Land Transport Programme, NZTA projects and timing of funding decisions for local government programmes.

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 July 2024

Presented by: Sharon Mason, Chair Economic Development Forum

Canterbury Economic Development Strategy

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek the Chief Executive Forum's support for the rationale and approach for the development of a Canterbury Economic Development Strategy and to provide the background for a Chief Executives Forum workshop to consider potential themes for the future strategy.

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:

1. **approve the development of a regional economic development strategy, subject to the final preparation of a detailed scope and project plan**
2. **approve the allocation of up to \$50,000 in the regional forums budget for the development of a regional economic development strategy**
3. **note the Economic Development Forum's workshop outputs and provide input and feedback on the proposed themes and principles**
4. **seek the Canterbury Mayoral Forum's agreement to the proposed approach for the development of a regional development strategy.**

Background

2. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum's (CMF) Plan for Canterbury was finalised in May 2020, after a series of workshops, following the 2019 local government elections. It has been reviewed and updated twice since then, February 2023 following the 2022 local government elections and again in February 2024 following the 2023 central government elections.
3. The Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury has three high level priorities:
 - sustainable environmental management of our habitats
 - shared prosperity for all our communities
 - climate change mitigation and adaptation
4. There are nine actions to support the priorities.

5. While the CMF has the Plan for Canterbury it has been suggested an agreed regional development strategy to support engagement with our business communities and central government would be of value.
6. Economic Development Forum (EDF) members have discussed the opportunity to develop a regional economic development strategy. Members referred to the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS) 2015-2019 as one potential starting point, albeit there are differing views on whether this would be a starting point, or just an example of a previous economic development strategy.
7. A draft structure diagram was developed to encourage discussion (see attachment 1) amongst EDF members, prior to a facilitated workshop held in June 2024. This diagram provides the overarching context and outline of a possible structure of a strategy – it should be noted that there is already work associated with some of the enablers identified in the diagram.
8. It is not proposed that a CMF economic development strategy would unnecessarily duplicate current city and district strategies, nor is it expected to include a list of prioritised projects across the region, rather it would identify those areas of the economy where local government has the ability to either create the enablers or remove the barriers for economic development for the region.

Economic Development Forum workshop

9. The Economic Development Forum held a facilitated workshop on 17 June. The intent of the workshop was to align common economic development opportunities for the Canterbury region, define enablers and explore approaches to reduce barriers.
10. Leeann Watson (CE, Canterbury Business) was invited to speak to workshop attendees at the outset of the workshop to provide a business perspective. Leeann noted that the Canterbury region has a lot to offer and it is important that we demonstrate that our region is well-coordinated and prepared to make the right steps to support investment in Canterbury and the South Island.
11. The private sector needs an enabling environment from both central and local government. We need to change the narrative, we have a reasonably strong economy, strong tertiary sector, and net migration is high, we need to leverage our opportunities.
12. There is strong value in bringing businesses together, along with our tertiary institutions to support the development of a regional strategy so that we understand the environment required to provide the right policies for businesses and our communities to succeed.
13. A representative from Kānoa was in attendance at the workshop and reiterated the importance of the region knowing their strategic priorities, particularly if the region is seeking central government investment from the regional economic development fund or the infrastructure fund.

14. Following the introducing comments from Leeann, a brief background on the development of CREDS was provided as context for the workshop.
15. The next steps of the workshop were to share participants views of the economic opportunities for Canterbury, which were themed and expanded on. The draft outcomes from the workshop are provided at attachment 2.
16. The themes (in no particular order) were (see pages 3-10 of attachment 2):
 - sustainability and environment
 - economic development and industry
 - social and community wellbeing
 - governance and policy
 - infrastructure and connectivity
 - education and workforce
 - brand and perception
17. Following identification of themes and expansion, workshop participants identified a unified set of principles (page 11 of attachment 2) for Canterbury to focus on through the development of the proposed strategy, it is not expected that this is a complete list.
18. At the conclusion of the workshop it was agreed that the outputs from the workshop will be briefly explored and elaborated on with Chief Executives at this meeting, along with a draft proposed plan for development of an economic development strategy.

Proposed approach

19. One aspect of the development of the CREDS that was recognised as a valuable input was the input from business organisations, mana whenua and other stakeholders from farming, manufacturing, tourism, tertiary education, business, telecommunications and transport sectors and that the final strategies (2015-2018) & (2017-19) were supported by a reference group from a variety of sectors, including the Mayoral Forum.
20. Indications from Minister Brown is that that the government is looking for regional plans and strategies that include private sector involvement and engagement enabled by local and central government.
21. It is proposed that the approach for developing this next strategy includes input from across the business, and tertiary sectors and mana whenua. A draft proposal is included on page 12 of attachment 2.
22. It is suggested that there is a working group (made up from members of the regional forums) plus stakeholder representatives to steer the development of the strategy, which would report through the ED Forum to the Chief Executive Forum, then Mayoral Forum.

Stakeholder engagement

23. Business Canterbury has indicated that they would be in a position to bring together a number of their members to support a workshop/discussion on what their expectations for a regional economic development strategy would be, including advice on areas to focus on to provide the environment for strong economic growth. They have advised that there would be a cost to this process. We are working through this with them to determine budget and expectations for the strategy.
24. Venture Timaru has advised that it is working on a Timaru 2050 strategy with its community and has a business focussed engagement in August that they may be able to incorporate a discussion on a regional economic development strategy through that engagement.
25. Enterprise North Canterbury has advised that they will be in a position to support a similar approach for their area of responsibility.
26. Along with engagement through the business agencies, wider engagement will be required to support the plan with mana whenua (TRONT & Papatipu Rūnanga), tertiary institutions, and central government.

Budget

27. While budgets have not yet been developed for this project it is proposed that up to \$50,000 be provided for in the regional forums budget to progress the strategy.
28. This amount has been included in the draft regional forums budget (item 6.5) for the Chief Executives approval.
29. Details on any expenditure would need to be finalised and approved following completion of the detailed project plan.

Next steps

30. Subject to the decisions today, and availability of resources, the next steps for the development of a regional economic development strategy would include the following:
 - develop a scope and detailed project plan
 - develop a detailed stakeholder engagement plan
 - prepare a paper for the upcoming Mayoral Forum meeting

Attachments

- Waitaha Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy – outline
- Economic Development Forum workshop summary (17 June 2024)

Waitaha Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy

Context

Four Wellbeings

Economic

Environmental

Social

Cultural

Climate Change

Funding

Legislation/Regulation

Ngāi Tahu / Mana Whenua

OTHERS?

ENABLERS

Energy

Transport / Planning

Housing

Infrastructure (public)

People

Water

Food

Sth/Mid/Central/
Nth Canterbury
Energy Strategies

Regional Land Transport
Plan
Regional Policy Statement

CMF Housing
Strategy
GCP Housing
Action Plan

National Infrastructure
Agency
Pipeline of project
Three waters
Health
Education
Rooding

Regional Skills
Immigration
settings
Talent
attraction

Canterbury
Water
Management
Strategy

Food
Improving
productivity
Showcasing
provenance

Canterbury Economic Model

current state economy v. future state economy

Sectors

Manufacturing

Tourism

Education

Aerospace

Agriculture

Food & Fibre

Logistics

Health

Knowledge (universities)

/CRI/innovation) Technology WHAT ELSE?



Workshop Summary

Canterbury Mayoral Forum
Economic Development Forum
June 16th 2024



Canterbury Economic Development

Devising themes
and enablers

Workshop Intent

To align common economic development opportunities for the Canterbury region, define enablers and explore approaches to reduce barriers.

Participants

Representatives
from CMF Economic
Development Forum

Duration

Two hours

Future
Landscape

Opportunity
Themes

Enablers &
Influence

Thematic Focus Areas

Session 1 & 2

Economic opportunities
were shared and themed

01 Sustainability
and Environment

02 Economic Development
and Industry

03 Social and Community
Wellbeing

04 Governance
and Policy

05 Infrastructure
and Connectivity

06 Education and
Workforce Development

07 Brand and
Perception

01

Sustainability and Environment

Summary

Canterbury embraces renewable energy, emissions reduction, and sustainable growth, focusing on climate change adaptation in energy, tourism, and agriculture. It promotes sustainable tourism, clean tech innovation, water management and locally sourced materials.

Sustainability and Clean Economy:

Emphasising sustainable growth and the development of a clean economy.

Slow Tourism:

Encouraging a form of tourism that allows for working while travelling, promoting longer stays and deeper connections with Canterbury.

Emissions Reduction:

Focus on reducing emissions to support environmental goals.

Water Management:

Ensuring sustainable and efficient water management practices.

Provenance and Natural Materials:

Utilising locally sourced, natural materials to ensure sustainable practices.

02

Economic Development and Industry

Summary

Canterbury aims to lead in aerospace and AI, enhance productivity, and support high-value industries. It focuses on sustainable growth, global food supply, indigenous economy, entrepreneurship, and efficient supply chain management.

High/Add Value Productivity:

Enhancing productivity across various sectors, adding value from production to export.

Māori Economy:

Fostering growth in the Māori economy and leveraging traditional knowledge and practices.

Best Place for Aerospace:

Striving to be a global leader in the aerospace industry.

Full Supply Chain Management:

Efficiently managing the entire supply chain from production to export.

Become a leader in GDP Contribution:

Aiming for a leading position in GDP contribution within New Zealand.

Lead the World in AI:

Leading innovations in artificial intelligence.

Feeding 30 Million:

Highlighting Canterbury's capacity to contribute significantly to global food supply.

Easy to Do Business:

Ensuring a business-friendly environment that facilitates easy company operations.

Health Innovation:

Establishing a Centre of Excellence for health innovation.

03

Social and Community Wellbeing

Summary

Canterbury ensures a high quality lifestyle with affordable housing, social connectivity plus a range of recreational activities that a 4-day work week is recommended. It promotes Canterbury as New Zealand's most livable region, embraces ethnic diversity, and fosters inclusive growth and highly skilled labour access.

Social Connectivity:

Enhancing social connectivity within communities.

Most Affordable Housing:

Ensuring housing affordability and scalability to accommodate growth.

4 Day Work Week:

Promoting a balanced work-life structure with a 4-day work week.

Most Livable Region:

Striving to be the most livable region in New Zealand.

Ethnic Diversity:

Embracing ethnic diversity to connect with the global workforce and enrich local culture.

Attraction - Live, Work, Interact:

Making Canterbury an attractive place to live, work, and interact with others.

04

Governance and Policy

Summary

Canterbury aligns regulatory processes to support business, improve government trust, and foster public-private partnerships. It collaborates with Mana Whenua and the Mayoral Forum, prioritises pre-approved development plans, and adopts a solutions-focused approach with clear decision-making.

Local Government Trust:

Addressing the low trust in local government (11% trust) to improve public perception and engagement.

Partnership with Mana Whenua:

Ensuring alignment with Mana Whenua and working closely with the Mayoral Forum.

Multigenerational Partnership:

Fostering enduring partnerships that respect traditional values and modern requirements.

Regulatory Processes:

Aligning regulatory processes to support business and innovation.

Public-Private Partnerships:

Developing greater awareness and opportunities for public-private partnerships.

Standardised Planning:

Implementing pre-approved regional and standardised district plans for development.

Strategic Development:

Emphasising a solutions-focused approach to development and clear decision-making matrices

05

Infrastructure and Connectivity

Summary

Canterbury invests in efficient transport, including light rail, marine, and air, to enhance South Island connectivity, double exports, and improve freight capacity. Priorities include scalable housing solutions, sustainable infrastructure funding, and essential investments in water, roads, and communications.

Location and Space:

Leveraging the geographical advantages of Canterbury.

Housing Scale/Numbers:

Addressing housing needs through scalable solutions.

Digital Connectivity:

Improve connectivity across the South Island to double exports and enhance freight capacity.

Water, Roads, Communications:

Investing in essential infrastructure such as water management, roads, and communication networks.

Infrastructure Funding:

Revamping infrastructure funding investment to support sustainable growth.

Transport Infrastructure:

Investing in efficient and fast transport, including light rail and existing infrastructure, as well as marine and airway transport.

06

Education and Workforce Development

Summary

Canterbury builds a strong education-to-work pipeline, focusing on skill development for a dynamic job market. It ensures access to skilled labour and lifelong employment in the age of automation. Providing easy market access for businesses and individuals.

Talent Pipeline:

Establishing a strong pipeline from university education to work or apprenticeships.

High-Tech Automation:

Embracing automation and while balancing workforce redundancy.

Focus on Skills Rather than Jobs:

Emphasising skill development to meet the demands of a dynamic job market.

Accessibility to Market:

Ensuring businesses and individuals have easy access to markets and opportunities.

07

Brand and Perception

Summary

Canterbury builds a strong education-to-work pipeline, focusing on skill development for a dynamic job market. It ensures access to skilled labour and lifelong employment, while providing easy market access for businesses and individuals.

Position as a Top Global Business Location:

Promote Canterbury as a premiere destination for starting and growing businesses.

Leverage Innovation for International Investment:

Capitalise on Canterbury's innovative ecosystem to draw global investments and partnerships.

Perception that NZ is Shut:

Addressing the perception that New Zealand is closed to opportunities, ensuring openness and accessibility.

Brand Canterbury:

Promoting Canterbury's brand to enhance its global and domestic perception.

A Principles First Approach

Session 3

Principles were shared to explore an interface for working together.

Goal

To establish a set of unified principles for Canterbury.

overarching

Shared Prosperity

Kaupapa / Principles

A proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behaviour.

1. Creating Sustainable and inclusive outcomes
2. Upholding the principles of Te Tiriti
3. Acting for future generations
4. Taking an evidence based and measurable approach
5. Advocating place based action
6. Driving change with a regional focus
7. Empowering Industry

Other

Propositions that need further development into principles

Co-benefits

Key regional opportunity

Pipeline of investment

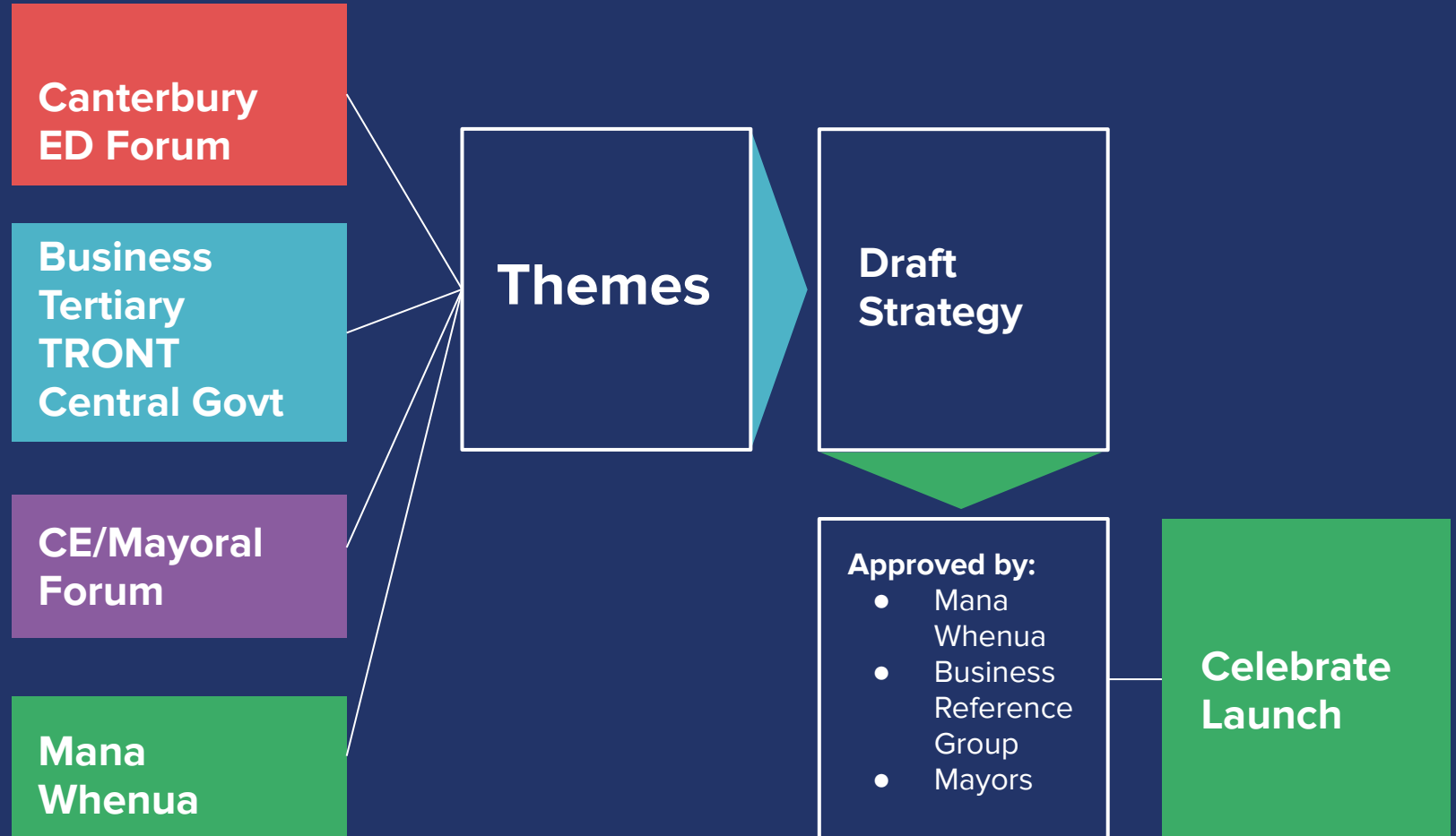
Globally significant & relevant

Talent choose Canterbury

Nimble and Agile

Proposed Plan

During the workshop, it was agreed that wider stakeholder engagement is required.



Next Steps



Summary Feedback Window

Stakeholder engagement
Programme to be confirmed.

29 July
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Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 July 2024

Presented by: Simon Hart, Chair Housing Steering Group

Regional Housing Strategy - update

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the development of the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and seek the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum's endorsement for the approach and budget required to support the development of Phase One (Scoping Paper) of the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy.

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:

1. **note 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. **approve the allocation of up to \$50,000 from the Regional Forums budget to progress the procurement of a consultant to support the development of Phase One (Scoping Paper) of the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy**
3. **delegate 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. **delegate authority to the Chair of the Canterbury Economic Development Forum, for the appointment of the project consultant following the appropriate procurement process.**
5. **note the attached Regional Housing Steering Group Terms of Reference, approved by the Regional Economic Development Forum.**

Background

2. The development of a Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy is a key action in the Canterbury Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2022-2205.
3. The Regional Housing Steering Group was established in mid-2023, as a working group reporting to the Canterbury Economic Development Forum, with the specific purpose of progressing the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy.

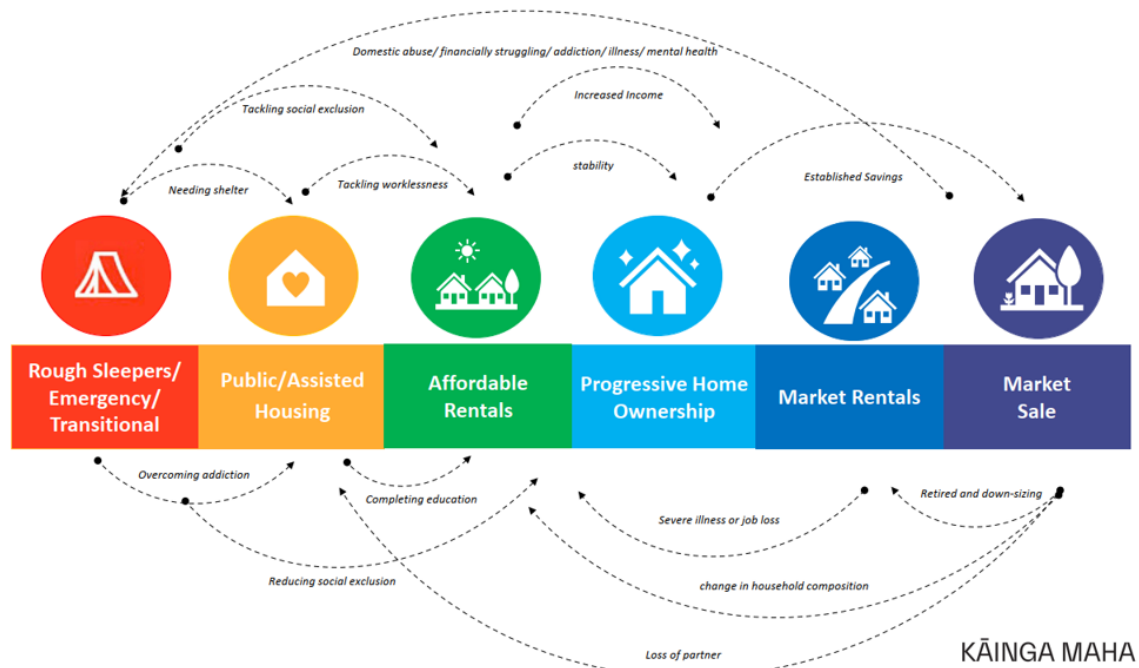
4. An Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) workshop was undertaken in September 2023, which focused on identifying the problem and the benefits from addressing the problems. Around 30 senior members of Councils across the region, and other key stakeholders attended the ILM workshop.
5. The group has not met regularly for a number of reasons, however a key action arising from the October meeting was to develop a draft scope of work for the strategy.
6. At the same time the Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP) has developed and finalised their Housing Action Plan, with the GCP partners adopting this plan earlier this year.
7. The Regional Housing Steering Group has considered the potential interrelationship between the GCP Joint Housing Action Plan, and the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy, and the attached draft Scope of Works anticipates alignment of these programmes of work.

Status

8. The Regional Housing Steering Group last met on 4 April 2024. At that meeting the terms of reference for the steering group were endorsed, following some minor amendments.
9. The Terms of Reference were subsequently approved by the Canterbury Economic Development Forum on the 17th June 2024, with one amendment relating to the inclusion of a representative from the GCP to be added. The terms of reference are provided at attachment 1.
10. At the Canterbury Economic Development Forum meeting, forum members also made a number of suggestions relating to the draft scope of works, which have now been included in attachment 2.
11. The procurement sub-group comprises Canterbury Economic Development Forum members Simon Hart, Murray Dickson, Kayla Stewart, and Ben Baird. If the recommendations in this report are supported, the procurement sub-group will make a recommendation on the preferred project consultant to the Canterbury Economic Development Forum Chair for approval.

Scope of work

12. Broadly, the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy aims to enable enhancement of the quality, quantity, affordability and accessibility of housing across the region and across the full housing continuum depicted below. It recognises that while local government cannot by itself meet every single community housing need, through the continuum, it is able to identify where housing barriers exist and what options, resources and or agencies are best placed to help resolve them.



13. The Strategy and resulting Implementation Plan will identify the roles and activities the Canterbury Mayoral Forum partners can play collectively and individually to contribute to better housing outcomes for the people of Canterbury. It is anticipated that the strategy will consider a timeframe of 10-30 years, with consideration of short-term (3-years); medium-term (10-years) and long-term (10-30 Years) issues, actions and initiatives.
14. The Strategy will act as a key resource for the Mayoral Forum's advocacy in this space.
15. Primarily the scope of the strategy should address current and future housing needs, ongoing initiatives, housing provision models, roles and responsibilities, regional gaps, additional actions and opportunities, alignment with, and advocacy to government agencies, monitoring implementation, and contributing to the spatial element of the housing action plan.
16. It is anticipated that this scope of work be undertaken in two phases. The first phase relates to the collection and evaluation of appropriate data and information, with the key deliverable being a 'scoping paper' that draws together an accurate picture of the current housing needs across the housing continuum and identifies opportunities for coordinated and planned interventions.
17. The second phase of this scope utilises the phase one scoping paper as a platform for the development of an implementation plan that identifies a menu of candidate implementation actions that could be undertaken at a coordinated regional level, as well as actions that could be undertaken at a more bespoke sub-regional or local level. Phase two will also include a proposed system for the ongoing monitoring of housing needs across the region.

18. The Canterbury Economic Development Forum is requesting approval of up to \$50,000 to progress the development of Phase One (Scoping Paper) of this strategy project, which would be the underpinning basis for this strategy.
19. Should the Chief Executive Forum support the recommendations within this report, the housing procurement sub-group will progress the procurement of an appropriate project consultant.
20. It is proposed that the Environment Canterbury procurement policy/rules are used for this procurement. For projects that fall within \$30,000 and \$150,000 the procurement rules would allow the procurement sub-group to provide the request for proposal (RFP) to three preferred/identified consultants.

Budget implications

21. The 2023-2024 Regional Forums budget had \$35,000 allocated to the development of the Regional Housing Strategy. At this stage no funds have been expended. The 2024-2025 regional forums budget has proposed an increase in this allocation to \$50,000 (see item 6.5).
22. This report (and item 6.5) seeks approval for allocation of up to \$50,000 for the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy.

Milestones

23. The following are proposed high level milestones and associated timeframes:

Milestone	Target Date
Procurement of project consultant	August 2024
Inception meeting between project consultant and Mayoral Forum Project Control Group (PCG)	Early September 2024
Drafting Phase One Scoping Paper	September – November 2024
Presentation of Draft Phase Scoping Paper to CMF Chief Executives Forum	November/December 2024 (TBC)
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Risks

ID	Risk	Rating	Response	Action/Remedy
R1	Resourcing availability - internal capacity and capability	Moderate	Accept with contingency plan	Early identification of resourcing requirements. Additional time to be considered within project time if required.
R2	Key information is not readily accessible at a regional level or is not consistently available across the whole region	Moderate	Accept with contingency plan	Early identification of information requirements and sources.
R3	Deliverables from key stakeholders are not provided in sufficient time or to required quality	Moderate	Reduce	Ensure timeframes are clearly communicated.
R4	Procurement process results highlight significantly greater costs associated with proposed project consultants	Moderate/High	Accept with contingency plan	Provide opportunity to either reduce scope of Phase One, or further stagger the various scope inclusions and deliverables.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Steering Group terms of reference
- Attachment 2: Draft scope of work for the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy

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Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan Steering Group Terms of reference (June 2024)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Steering Group is to lead the development and delivery of the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan.
2. The steering group will report to the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum through the Canterbury Economic Development Forum.

Membership and operation

3. Steering group membership will include:
 - a. council staff nominated by Economic Development Forum members
 - b. representative from the Greater Christchurch Partnership secretariat; and
 - c. input from other forums and working groups, as required.
4. The Steering Group will select a chair and deputy chair to lead the project, and the steering group chair will report to the Economic Development Forum.
5. The Steering Group can invite guests from other areas, in particular Central Government departments and agencies to attend and participate in meetings.
6. Final decisions on steering group membership will be confirmed by the Canterbury Economic Development Forum.

Work programme

7. The steering group is to provide analysis and advice towards the development and delivery of the Waitaha/Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan.
8. The Waitaha/Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan will be developed in stages. The first stage will include:
 - an investment logic mapping type (ILM) workshop to clearly identify and articulate the issues(s) that a regional housing strategy would address and inform the scope for the next stage of development.
9. The next stage will be the development of the scope and budget to complete the Waitaha/Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy.

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Reporting timeframes

10. The ILM was undertaken and finalised in the third quarter 2023.
11. Following completion of the ILM a full scope and budget is being developed. The full scope will include a timeline for the project.
12. The steering group is to provide a progress update to the Economic Development Forum on a regular basis (this may be via email).
13. The full scope, budget and timeline will need to be submitted to the Chief Executives Forum for approval.

Review

14. The terms of reference will be reviewed and updated following approval of the full scope of works, to reflect reporting timelines, including the final report.

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WAITAHA/CANTERBURY REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-25¹ includes a priority to develop a regional housing strategy to identify the range of housing issues affecting communities across the region and a pathway forward to improve them.

Broadly, the final strategy aims to enable enhancement of the quality, quantity, affordability and accessibility of housing across the region and across the full housing continuum depicted below. While local government cannot by itself meet every single community housing need, through the continuum, it is able to identify where housing barriers exist and what options, resources and or agencies are best placed to help resolve them.

CONTEXT

Housing and homes in Canterbury vary across the housing continuum (see Figure 1), with safe, secure, and affordable housing being crucial for community well-being and economic prosperity.

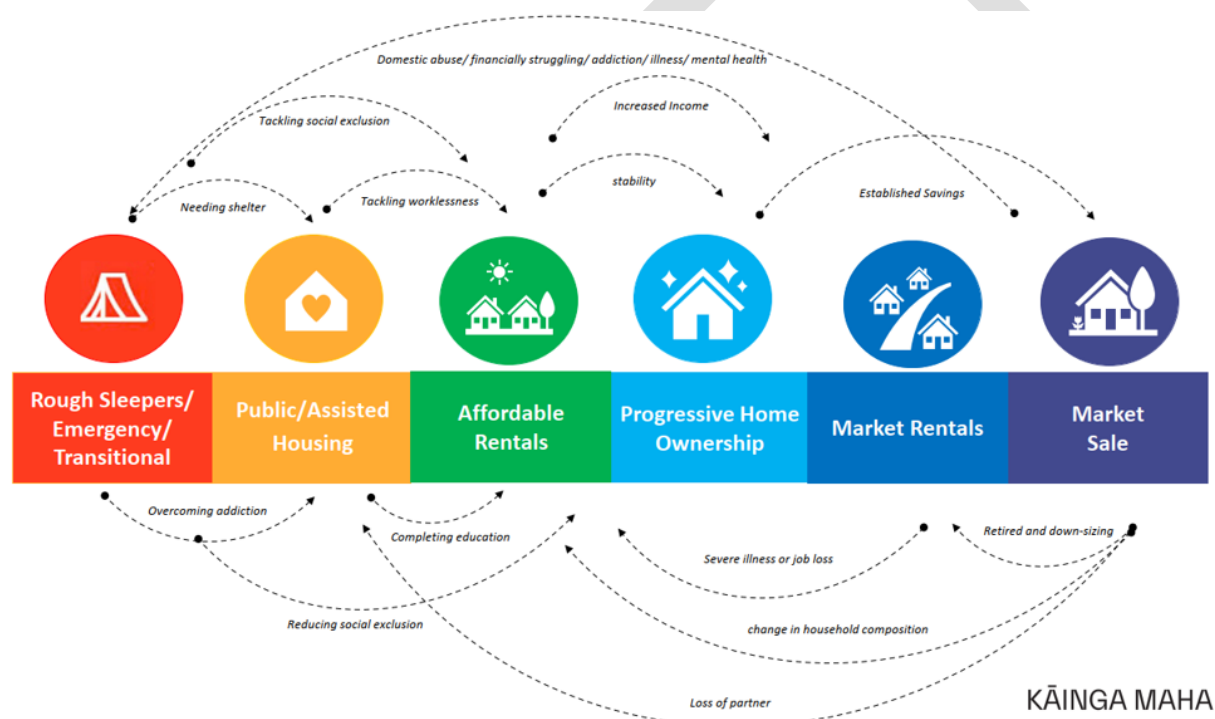


Figure 1 – the housing continuum

The region, similar to New Zealand, faces diverse housing issues (see Figure 2), including insufficient social housing, unaffordable housing, inadequate housing stock, and limited or mismatched housing typologies. It is recognized that local councils, housing trusts, and central government need to collaborate to address identified issues.

Challenges differ across the region, ranging from rural areas and districts with seasonal worker requirements struggling to attract staff, to growing emergency and transitional housing needs and growing waiting lists on social housing registers in urban areas. A common underlying issue remains the provision of sufficient affordable housing. High housing demand, demographic

¹ [Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025 - Canterbury Mayoral Forum \(canterburymayors.org.nz\)](https://canterburymayors.org.nz/)

variations, and significant inward migration add pressure, are also contributing to reducing affordability across the region.

The following diagram illustrates key issues in the provision of affordable housing nationally and regionally, and some of the interrelationships between these issues.

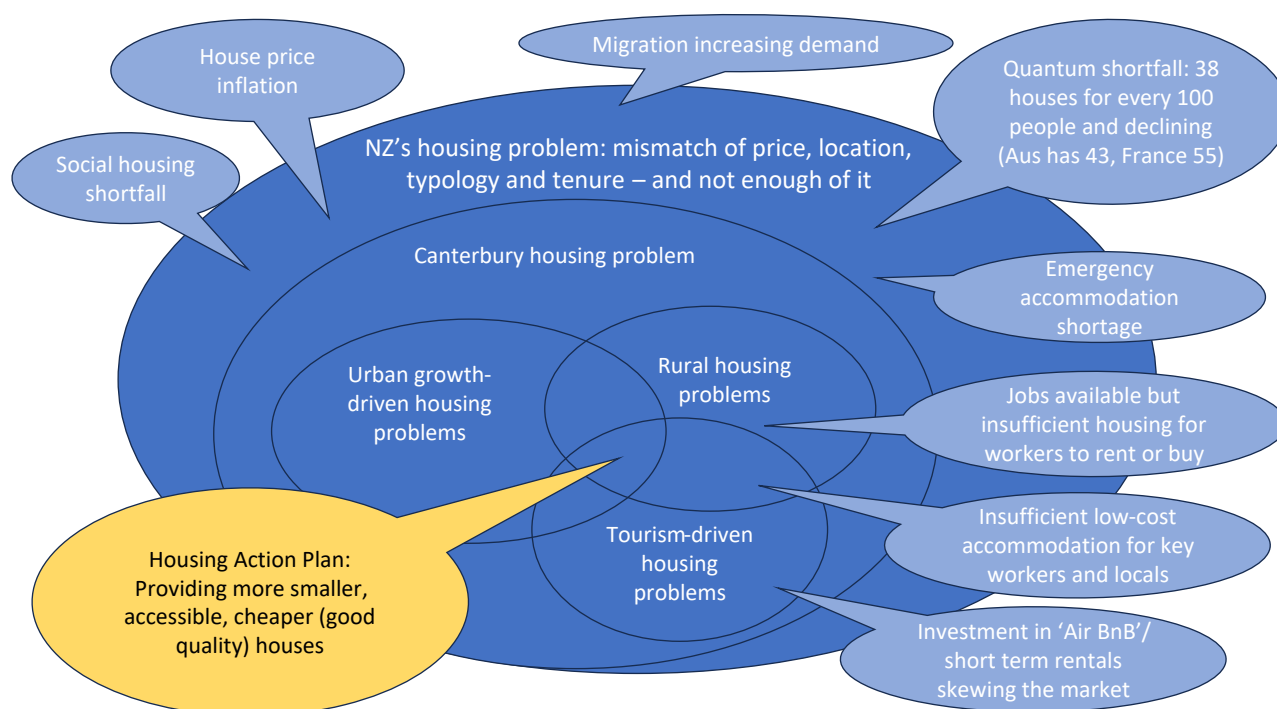


Figure 2 – the housing problem

Local councils in Canterbury/Waitaha, are individually developing housing policies strategies and plans, and the Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP) has formulated a Housing Action Plan to tackle the challenge of housing affordability arising from the mismatch of price, location, typology and tenure, and an overall shortage of the right houses in the right places. The Mayoral Forum's Waitaha/Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan (RHS&AP) does not attempt to duplicate these pieces of work, rather aligns with, and complements other plans and strategies, fostering a collaborative and informed approach. The RHS&AP will need to demonstrate clear value to all participating councils.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to develop a Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan, that identifies the range of housing issues affecting communities across the region and a pathway forward to improve them.

The Strategy and resulting Action Plan will identify the roles and activities the Canterbury Mayoral Forum partners can play collectively and individually to contribute to better housing outcomes for the people of Canterbury.

It is anticipated that the RHS&AP will consider a timeframe of 10-30 years, with consideration of short-term (3-years); medium-term (10-years) and long-term (10-30 Years) issues, actions and initiatives.

The RHS&AP will be a key resource for the Mayoral Forum's advocacy in this space.

INVESTMENT LOGIC MAPPING WORKSHOP

In September 2023, the Canterbury Mayoral Economic Development Forum undertook an initial investment logic mapping workshop which identified four problem statements which should be considered through the development of this strategy.

1. Limited housing choices through resistance to housing innovation and change, can result in harm to individuals and community wellbeing.

Addressing Limited Housing Choices:

Driver: Encouraging housing innovation and change

Rationale: Limited housing choices due to resistance to innovation and change can harm individuals and community well-being. The project aims to address this by promoting housing innovation and to improve flexibility.

2. Lack of affordable housing pathways results in unmet community needs and fewer suitable options.

Creating Affordable Housing Pathways:

Driver: Establishing affordable housing pathways

Rationale: The lack of affordable housing options leads to unmet community needs and fewer suitable choices. The project seeks to create pathways to affordable housing, addressing community needs and increasing viable housing options.

3. Unclear housing roles between central and local government can cause confusion, leading to lack of leadership and harder-to-solve housing issues.

Clarifying Housing Roles:

Driver: Defining clear housing roles between central and local government

Rationale: Unclear housing roles between central and local government can cause confusion, lack of leadership, and difficulties in solving housing issues. The project aims to provide clarity in roles to enhance coordination and leadership in addressing housing challenges.

4. High housing costs and low relative incomes contribute to household stress.

Mitigating High Housing Costs:

Driver: Addressing high housing costs and relative income disparities

Rationale: House prices have risen at a far greater rate than wages, leading to rising affordability issues and contributing to household stress. The project focuses on initiatives to mitigate these challenges, ensuring a more sustainable and equitable housing environment.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Draw together, analyse and summarise existing information on current and future housing needs and initiatives within the region.

NOTE: *the Greater Christchurch Partnership has completed the GCP Housing Action Plan², that should be taken into consideration, and used as an input, in the development of this strategy. It is not expected that this project would duplicate the work undertaken already by the GCP, rather expand and complement for the remainder of the region.*

2. Identify gaps in supply across the housing continuum and the key causes of these gaps.
3. Summarise existing and planned housing programs across the region, identifying responsible agencies, key deliverables of these programs, resources inputs, and risks.
4. Assess the likely impact of the above existing initiatives and planned programs and identify likely gaps in the current combined response.
5. Identifying the best approach for ongoing data provision and reporting, to enable the assessment of ongoing housing needs and demand across the housing continuum for the region, and to track the progress and contribution of housing initiatives.
6. Understanding regulatory barriers to housing supply and exploring options for the reduction of these barriers, and the likely actions required to undertake these reductions.
7. Collaboration with the Greater Christchurch Partnership to be aligned with their Joint Housing Action Plan.
8. Consideration of other regional, national and international initiatives and actions that could apply in the Canterbury context.
9. Framing of actions and initiatives as a 'menu' that can be adopted regionally or picked up by individual councils as appropriate.

SCOPE INCLUSIONS

The full scope for the project will be discussed and confirmed in conjunction with the successful consultant, the Project Advisory Group (PAG) and other internal stakeholders, as relevant. The following provides an anticipated 'baseline' draft scope for the consultant's work, but the Mayoral Forum is open to alternative suggestions for how the project could be delivered to meet the purpose and objectives discussed above.

Primarily the scope of the strategy should address current and future housing needs, ongoing initiatives, housing provision models, roles and responsibilities, regional gaps, additional actions and opportunities, alignment with, and advocacy to government agencies, monitoring implementation, and contributing to the spatial element of the housing action plan.

It is anticipated that this scope of work be undertaken in two phases. The first phase relates to the collection and evaluation of appropriate data and information, with the key deliverable being a 'scoping paper' that draws together an accurate picture of the current housing needs across the housing continuum and identifies opportunities for coordinated and planned interventions.

The second phase of this scope utilises the phase one scoping paper as a platform for the development of an implementation plan that identifies a menu of candidate implementation actions that could be undertaken at a coordinated regional level, as well as actions that could be undertaken at a more bespoke sub-regional or local level. Phase two will also include a proposed system for the ongoing monitoring of housing needs across the region.

The following scope inclusions are anticipated to be included for Phase One (Scoping Paper):

1. Current and future housing needs across the housing continuum within the region, relative to supply and typology. Future supply needs should consider a high-level assessment of the impact the significant current and planned housing initiatives and programmes of work (point 4) might have. The housing needs assessment should be informed by appropriate evidence and data, much of which is readily available through the existing work of the Council's. (See Data Collection and Information section below)
2. Identification and advice as to the essential and readily available data and information sources that would enable the development and maintenance of a system that provides demand and supply analysis and assesses housing needs across the housing continuum. (See Data Collection and Information section below)
3. Identification of the current market failures, and present policy, funding and development model challenges contributing to supply and affordability issues.
4. Identification of significant housing initiatives and programmes of work currently planned or underway, that will have an impact on housing outcomes within the region and across the housing continuum, and consideration of what their likely impact will be. Including but not limited to policy and strategy development, development projects, agency partnerships, funding opportunities etc.
5. Identification of viable mechanisms (development and funding models) to enable development of affordable housing across the region. Mechanisms/models should identify key stakeholders, development/organisational structures and required inputs to ensure the sustainable supply of affordable housing solutions across the housing continuum. Examples of where and how these models have been applied within the New Zealand context would be appropriate.
6. Current roles and responsibilities of the various government, local government, and not for profit agencies and key stakeholders, and including the private housing sector. And assessment of the synergies, dependencies and potential or existing interrelationships of/between each.
7. Identification of key gaps / issues or further opportunities that should be explored at either a regional or local level, and an overview of how these identified gaps and opportunities might inform and influence housing plans or programmes of work within the region.
8. Opportunities to build relationships with key central government agencies, including MHUD, Kāinga Ora, community housing providers, and the wider housing sector. Likely partnering

opportunities related to information gathering and sharing, development projects, advocacy, resource provision and aligned/coordinated strategic responses should be considered.

The following scope inclusions are anticipated to be included for Phase Two (Implementation Plan and Monitoring):

9. Drawing from the work undertaken in the Phase One Scoping Paper, development of an implementation plan that includes a 'menu' of candidate actions, projects and programmes of work that seek to address the issues, challenges and opportunities across the housing continuum, for the Canterbury region.
10. Identification, within the Implementation Plan, of partnership opportunities, and regional collaboration actions.
11. Provision of best practice approaches, and a framework for the monitoring of implementation key implementation actions and their respective results.
12. Development of a system and/or framework that provides demand and supply analysis and assesses housing needs across the housing continuum, and that enables ongoing evaluation, review and adjustment of implementation activities to be able to respond to changing needs and operational environments. (linked to Phase One – Action 2)

Note: when referring to 'region' consideration may need to be given to sub-region / type, e.g., north, mid-, south- Canterbury; variances.

DATA AND INFORMATION

The data requirements listed below are not exhaustive and the consultant may wish to access data for this project from a variety of sources. It is critical that the sources for data used for this project are clearly identified.

1. Canterbury councils have a variety of official and anecdotal data on housing in their respective council areas, it is expected that the successful consultant will engage with each council (through their representative on the housing steering group) to ensure access to this data.
2. Utilisation of official sources like Stats NZ, Councils, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development would be anticipated.
3. Supplementation of official data with inputs from community housing providers and social support institutions would also be appropriate.

In addition to utilising official data from reputable sources such as Stats NZ, Councils, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, it is essential to complement this information with inputs from community housing providers and social support institutions. This collaborative approach aims to incorporate valuable insights from on-the-ground sources, ensuring a comprehensive and well-rounded dataset for analysis. The combination of official data and community-based inputs will enhance the accuracy and relevance of our findings in this project.

The following data sets could be considered:

1. Where people live and work (Stats NZ)

Residential and Occupational Distribution: Data on the residential and occupational distribution of individuals, sourced from Stats NZ.

2. Building consents by type/price point/floor area, standalone, multi dwelling (Stats: Councils)

Building Consents Analysis: Obtain information on building consents categorized by type, price point, and floor area, distinguishing between standalone and multi-dwelling structures. This data should be sourced from relevant Councils.

3. Perceived housing shortages

Perceived Housing Shortages: Gather insights into perceived/real housing shortages through community feedback and qualitative assessments.

4. Projects creating jobs

Job-Generating Projects: Identify projects contributing to job creation within the specified region.

5. Key economic drivers

Economic Drivers: Incorporate key economic drivers as outlined in the Canterbury Wellbeing Overview 2022. [Canterbury Wellbeing Overview 2022](#)

6. Population statistics, net migration, age, employment, education

Population Statistics: Collect comprehensive population statistics, including net migration, age demographics, employment rates, and educational attainment.

7. Housing data

- i. [Territorial authorities now on Community Insights Explorer | Social Wellbeing Agency \(swa.govt.nz\)](#)
- ii. [Key data - Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development \(hud.govt.nz\)](#)
- iii. [Public Housing in Canterbury Region – June 2023 \(hud.govt.nz\)](#)

8. [Joint Housing Action Plan : Greater Christchurch](#)

9. Wellington Regional Leadership Committee - [WRLC Housing Data](#)

DELIVERABLES

Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan, supported by relevant and appropriate data and evidence. The strategy is anticipated to be developed in two phases, the first being a Scoping Paper which would form the base of the underpinning strategy, and the second being the development of an implementation plan and monitoring framework.

SCHEDULE

Details to be confirmed following appointment of consultant. However, the following high-level milestones are anticipated:

Milestone	Target Date
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ASSUMPTIONS

ID	Assumption
A1	Stakeholders will provide timely feedback during the development and review process.
A2	Reporting requirements will be resolved prior to finalisation of solution requirements.
A3	The solution will be thoroughly tested to identify and resolve any potential issues before deployment.
A4	Any risk will be identified and managed.
A5	We understand the current housing challenges.
A6	It is expected that councils will likely have a significant amount of the data and evidence required to progress the strategy and action plan, therefore the scope focuses on the analysis of the data and identification of options.

IMPACT ON THE BUSINESS IF THIS WORK IS NOT UNDERTAKEN

ID	Assumption
I1	Lack of strategic direction
I2	Continued housing challenges
I3	Risk to workforce attraction
I4	Missed collaboration opportunities
I5	Limited data-driven decision making at a regional level
I6	Inability to address regulatory barriers if any

OUT OF SCOPE

This project is designed to address broader regional housing challenges and provide strategic recommendations. It does not involve micro-level actions or detailed interventions on specific housing issues within local communities.

1. **Individual Property-Level Interventions:** Detailed interventions or solutions for individual properties, including specific renovations or upgrades, are beyond the scope. The focus is on overarching regional strategies rather than property-specific actions.

2. **Infrastructure Development:** Large-scale infrastructure development, such as the creation of new roads or utilities, is not within the purview of this strategy. The focus is on housing-related aspects rather than broader infrastructure projects.
3. **Legal Disputes and Enforcement:** Resolution of individual legal disputes or enforcement actions related to housing falls outside the scope. The strategy is not designed to provide legal solutions for specific cases.
4. **Short-Term Solutions:** This strategy does not delve into detailed short-term housing solutions. It concentrates on longer-term strategic responses to housing needs across the housing continuum.
5. **Historical Housing Issues:** Delving into historical housing issues or retrospective analysis is not part of the strategy. The primary focus is on current and future housing needs and initiatives.
6. **Commercial Real Estate Planning:** Commercial real estate planning, including strategies for businesses' real estate needs, is not within the scope. The emphasis is on residential housing and community well-being.
7. **Construction or Architectural Design Guidelines:** Detailed construction or architectural design guidelines for housing are not part of the strategy. The emphasis is on the broader regional aspects rather than specific design recommendations.
8. Detailed architectural or construction planning for specific housing projects.
9. While an implementation plan may identify significant development project opportunities, detailed scopes, or programmes associated with specific individual housing developments or construction projects are outside of this scope.
10. While the strategy might consider a variety of development mechanisms and models, the provision of direct financial assistance or grants to specific housing initiatives would not be included in this strategy or implementation plan.
11. Involvement in day-to-day operational issues of local councils, housing trusts, or government agencies.
12. Conducting community-level interventions or interventions for individual households.
13. Regulatory changes at a national level, as this fall beyond the scope of regional planning.
14. Providing legal or policy advice on specific housing issues that require specialized legal knowledge.
15. In-depth analysis of social, cultural, or demographic aspects of specific housing communities.
16. Engaging in the direct management of existing housing programs or facilities.
17. Taking a stance on political matters related to housing, as the focus is on collaborative planning.

This out-of-scope statement helps delineate the boundaries of the Waitaha Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan, ensuring a clear understanding of what falls outside the intended scope of the project.

In summary, the crafted scope for the Waitaha/Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy project encompasses a comprehensive analysis and solution-oriented approach to address diverse housing challenges across the region.

OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS & INFORMATION

Important Considerations/ Points	Description
Audience (Who will use the output/solution?)	Local councils, community housing providers,
Any key steps, points, recommendations?	Bi-monthly housing steering group meetings Quarterly Economic Development Forum meetings Quarterly Chief Executive Forum meetings Quarterly Mayoral Forum meetings
Project groups	Housing Steering Group (Chair; representatives from local authorities & govt agencies)
Internal consultation (Are there any other staff members that need to know about or feed into this project?)	Project coordinator can help plan
External consultation (Are there any other staff members that need to know about or feed into this project?)	Canterbury local authorities Social Community Housing Providers Kainga Ora Ministry of Housing & Urban Development Regional Public Service Commissioner
Interdependencies (projects, events?)	Greater Christchurch Partnership Housing Action Plan 2023
Draft due date	10 October 2024
Final due date	30 April 2025
Approved by	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
Priority rating	Not in ECan priority list. A key priority in the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury
Impact on workload (reallocation of any other work?)	N/A
Cost code	P027701 - Regional Forums
Budget	Regional Forums Budget
THO / BAU	Need to be discussed
Important Links for data	WRLC Housing Data (Identifying the best approach for ongoing data provision and reporting) Canterbury Wellbeing Overview 2022 (Key economic drivers) Territorial authorities now on Community Insights Explorer Social Wellbeing Agency (swa.govt.nz) Key data - Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (hud.govt.nz) Public Housing in Canterbury Region – June 2023 (hud.govt.nz)
Other links	Canterbury Regional Housing ILM v1.0.pdf (Regional Housing Challenge)
Housing Strategy project reporting ppt	Housing Strategy project reporting.pptx
Presentation for GCPC	Presentation for GCPC 081223.pdf (Joint Housing Action Plan)
Housing Action Plan FINAL	Housing Action Plan FINAL.pdf (The Greater Christchurch Partnership Housing Action Plan)

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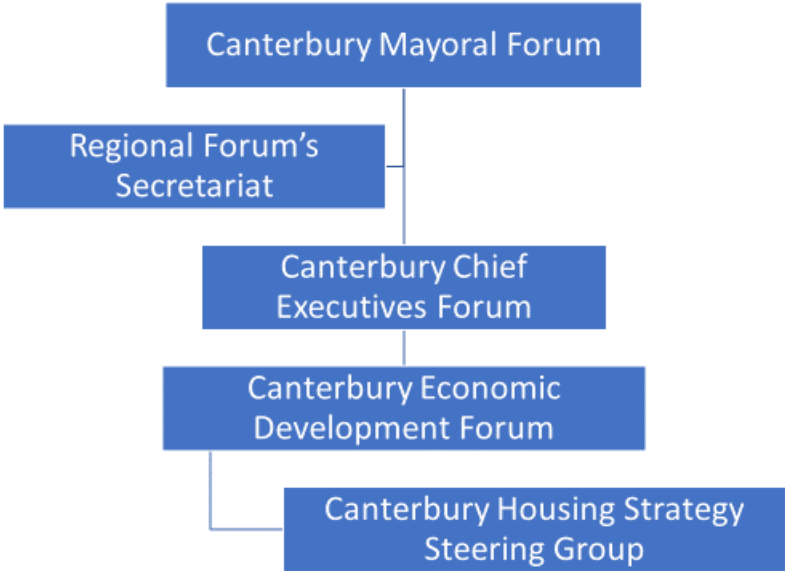
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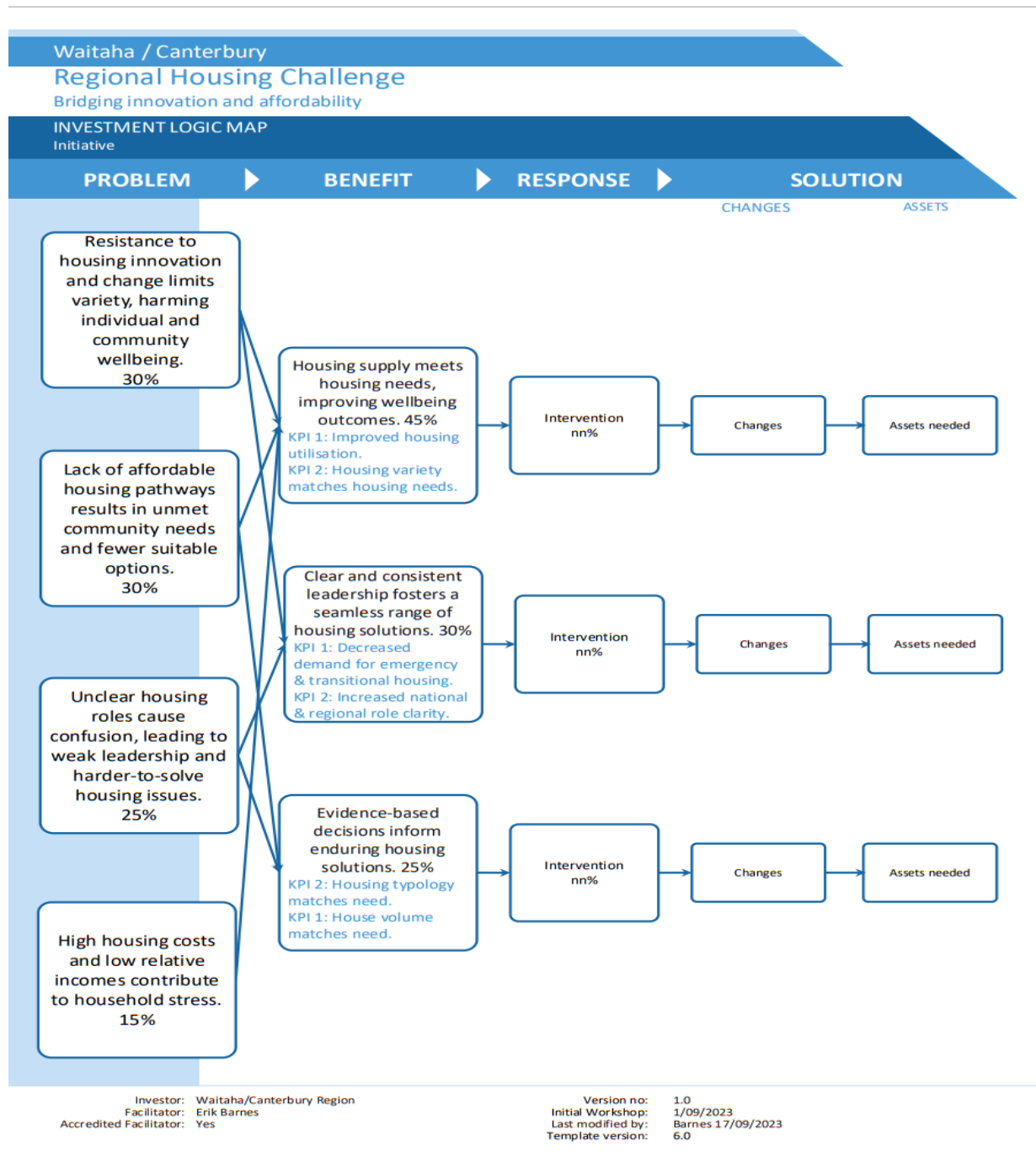
Schedule

Final Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan 30 April 2025 (TBC)

Housing Strategy Project Reporting:



Canterbury Regional Housing showing Regional Housing Challenge with INVESTMENT LOGIC MAP



Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 July 2024

Presented by: Dr Tim Davie, Convener Climate Change Working Group

Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan - update

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to present the draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan and seek formal endorsement of the Plan and approval of the associated communications budget.

Recommendations

That the Chief Executives Forum:

1. **endorse the draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan, to be provided to the Mayoral Forum for approval in August 2024.**
2. **approve a budget of up to \$7,500 for the launch event and promotional videos for the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.**
3. **note 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 Forum at their next meeting in October 2024.**

Background

4. The Forum received an update on the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan in May 2024, focusing on the draft climate actions, the approach to implementation, and the communications plan.
5. All councils have expressed their support for the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan and proposed climate actions.
6. Climate Action Planning Reference Group members (i.e. Councillors) supported the draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan and implementation approach at their June 2024 meeting, and the Policy Forum confirmed resourcing by councils leading actions.
7. The draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan is provided at attachment 1.
8. The implementation of climate actions is shared between 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. The implementation approach is included as an appendix in the Plan (see attachment 1).

9. Councils have agreed to fund regional collective climate actions through their Long-Term Plans 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).

Working together on climate action in Canterbury

10. By sharing resources and climate change expertise, Canterbury councils can increase their impact and achieve meaningful outcomes for the region, preparing councils and communities for the challenges posed by climate change. The Plan offers a practical financial advantage, especially for less-resourced councils. By reducing duplication of efforts and streamlining processes, collaboration allows us to achieve greater efficiency in implementing climate initiatives across Canterbury.
11. Developed by the Climate Change Working Group and guided by the Climate Action Planning Reference Group, the Plan outlines six key outcomes and objectives aimed to be achieved through 10 climate actions and supporting sub-actions developed through a robust series of workshops over 2022-2024.
12. The Plan focuses on the first three years of councils' Long-Term Plans 2024-2034, with a review proposed in Year 3.
13. The Working Group focused on identifying tangible actions for the short term, addressing key gaps in knowledge, priority risks, and opportunities climate change presents. 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.
14. As part of Environment Canterbury's 'Our Future, Canterbury' themed engagement programme in 2023, input from Canterbury stakeholders and communities on climate action priorities, barriers, and perspectives on 'fair' climate action was sought to inform the Plan.
15. Examples of outputs for each council will include a climate change risk visualisation- and emissions reduction pathway modelling tools to support informed decision making, an adaptation planning framework to support best practice adaptation at a local level, a collaborative plan to increase natural capital, indigenous biodiversity and nature-based solutions to climate change effects, collaboration on increased community understanding about climate risks, a framework for incorporating climate change into various council processes, and collective leveraging of co-funding and financing opportunities for climate adaptation and resilience.
16. Staff are developing advice on the governance of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan implementation, including the ongoing role of the elected member Reference Group, and will present advice to the Forum at their next meeting in October 2024.
17. The successful implementation of the Partnership Plan actions will require sustained contributions and collaboration between all councils, appropriate resourcing in terms of budget and staff time, and continued political backing.

Cost, compliance and communication

Financial implications

18. Councils' contributions to the Climate Partnership Plan range from \$36,750 to \$301,350 for the first three years of the 2024-2034 LTPs (Table 1). This reflects the current proportional contributions from councils to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

Table 1: Collective funding contributions to the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.

	CMF ratios (%)	Y1 LTP	Y2 LTP	Y3 LTP	Total Y1-Y3 LTP
Environment Canterbury	20.5	38,950	151,700	110,700	301,350
Christchurch	20.5	39,000	152,000	110,000	301,000
Selwyn	10.7	20,330	79,180	57,780	157,290
Waimakariri	10.7	20,330	79,180	57,780	157,290
Ashburton	9.8	18,620	72,520	52,920	144,060
Timaru	9.8	18,620	72,520	52,920	144,060
Hurunui	5.2	9,880	38,480	28,080	76,440
Waimate	3.9	7,410 (confirmed through Annual Plan 2024-2025)	28,860 (included for consideration in Long-Term Plan 2025-2034)	21,060 (included for consideration in Long-Term Plan 2025-2034)	57,330
Waitaki	3.9	7,500 (confirmed through Annual Plan 2024-2025)	29,609 (included for consideration in Long-Term Plan 2025-2034)	21,903 (included for consideration in Long-Term Plan 2025-2034)	59,012
Kaikōura	2.5	4,750	18,500	13,500	36,750
Mackenzie	2.5	4,750	18,500	13,500	36,750
TOTAL budget	100 %	190,140	741,049	540,143	1,471,332*

(*100,432 NZD to be confirmed through Waimate and Waitaki District Councils LTPs 2025-2034)

Communication

19. A launch event is being organised in Christchurch for mid-October 2024 to celebrate the finalisation of the Partnership Plan. The event aims to raise awareness of Canterbury's climate risks and collaborative actions, with a specific focus on generating media coverage and elevating Canterbury's climate action profile with central government. Invitations will be extended to Forum members, Canterbury councillors, members of the working and reference groups, government MPs and Ministers and other notable members of the community.

20. Short promotional videos are proposed to be created to highlight the benefits of regional collaboration on climate action and to emphasise the 10 climate actions of the Plan. These videos will be used as digital content (particularly for the *It's time, Canterbury* website) and shared during the launch. Estimated costs for 11 short videos (1 overview video highlighting the benefits of regional collaboration, and 10 videos for each of the 10 climate actions) are up to \$ 5,000 total.
21. It is proposed to keep the launch event costs proportional to the overall budget of the Plan. The suggested format for the launch is an introduction from the Mayoral Forum Chair and the Chair of the Reference Group, followed by an esteemed keynote speaker, and a viewing of the digital Plan and potential promotional videos. Estimated costs for the launch event are up to \$2,500.
22. The total costs for both the launch event and the development of promotional videos for the Plan are up to \$7,500. This cost has been provided for in the regional forums budget (see item 6.5), subject to approval by the Chief Executives Forum.
23. The Partnership Plan will be hosted on both the Canterbury Mayoral Forum website (PDF) and the *It's Time, Canterbury* website (PDF and digital version) and will include an introduction from the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

Next steps

24. The draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan will be provided to the Mayoral Forum for approval in August 2024.
25. Based on approval by the Forum, staff will organise the launch event in Christchurch in mid-October 2024, along with creating promotional videos.
26. Staff will bring back advice to the Forum on the governance of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan implementation, including ongoing role of the elected member Reference Group, at their next meeting in October 2024.

Attachments

- Draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan



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**
Our climate change
conversation

CANTERBURY
Mayoral Forum

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

*Kua tae te wā, Waitaha - Me whakarite
ināianeī kia ora rawa te apōpō!*

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

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 Dan Gordon
Chair, Canterbury Climate
Action Planning Reference Group



Mayor Nigel Bowen
Chair, Canterbury
Mayoral Forum

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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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. These are the 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 ā-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 practise 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.

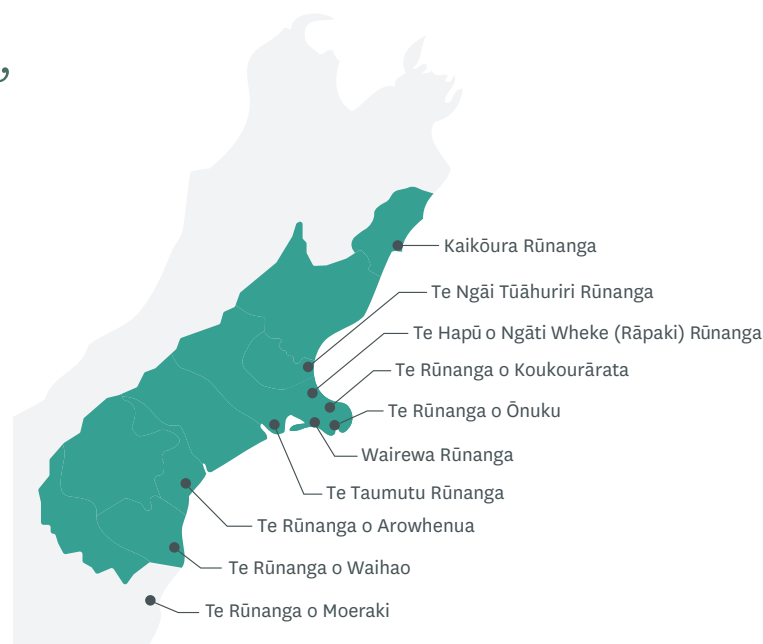
From the snowcapped peaks of Kā Tiritiri o Te Moana, the Southern Alps, to Kā Pakihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha, the Canterbury Plains, the region boasts a rich tapestry of natural history and cultural heritage. Canterbury is unique – it is New Zealand’s largest region in area and its coastline is long 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 residents¹ 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 *Canterbury Mayoral Forum Plan 2023-2025*.

¹ 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. Our 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.

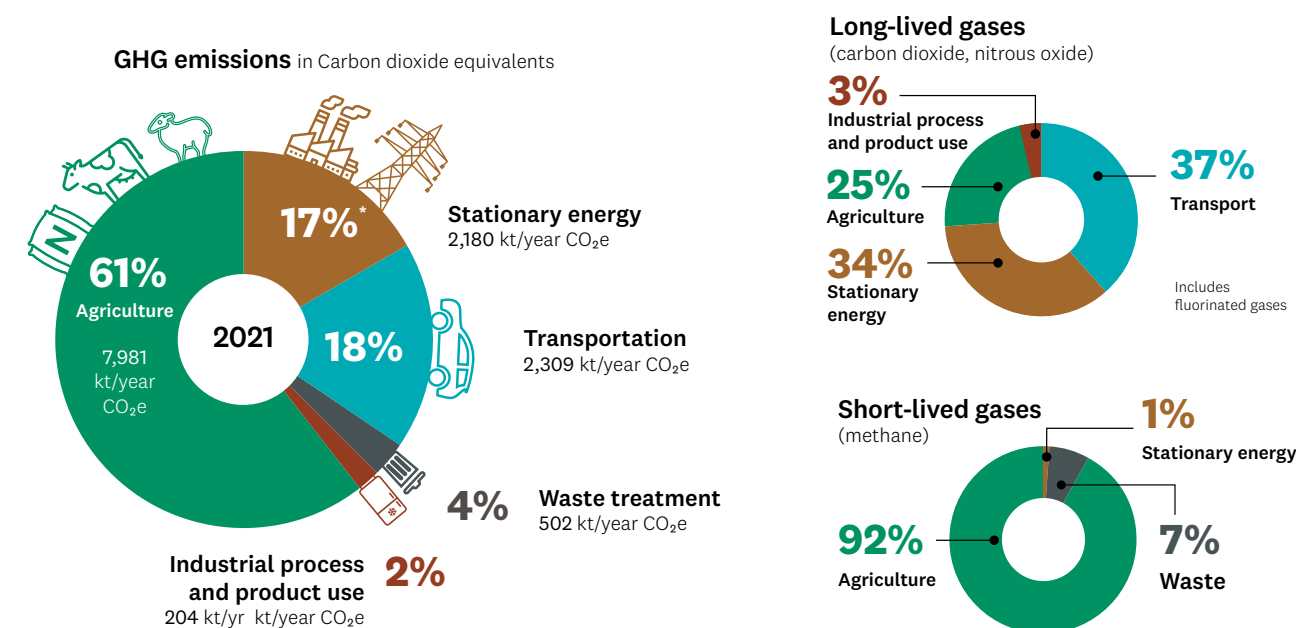


Figure 1: Canterbury's greenhouse gas emissions, 2021. Note: inventory does not include sequestration. (NB. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number, so charts do not add to exactly 100%)

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)²:

- Net zero³ 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.



² www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0040/latest/whole.html#DLM158590

³ 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/)



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 risks⁴ 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*.

⁴ 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.

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.

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.

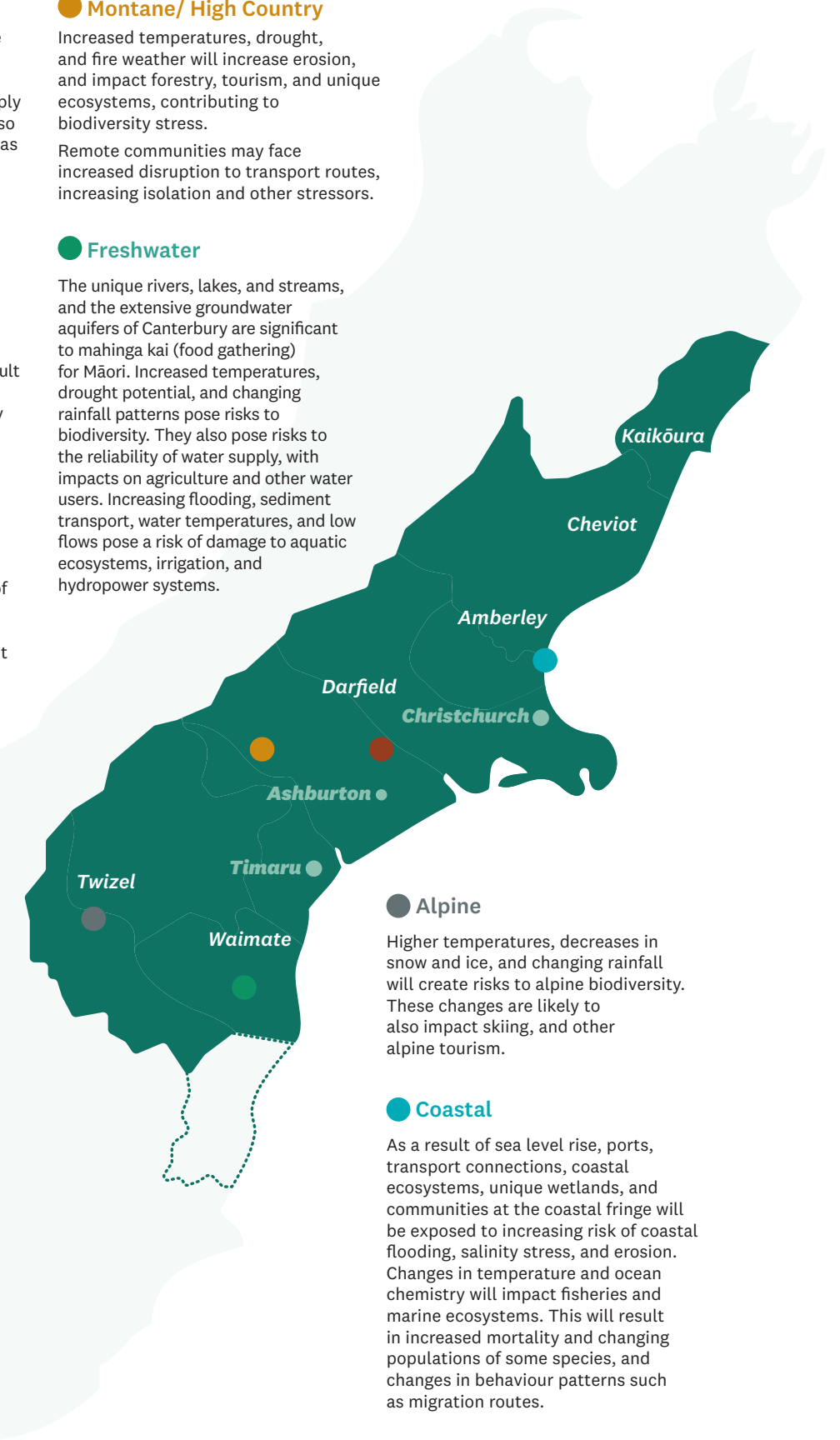
Alpine

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.

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

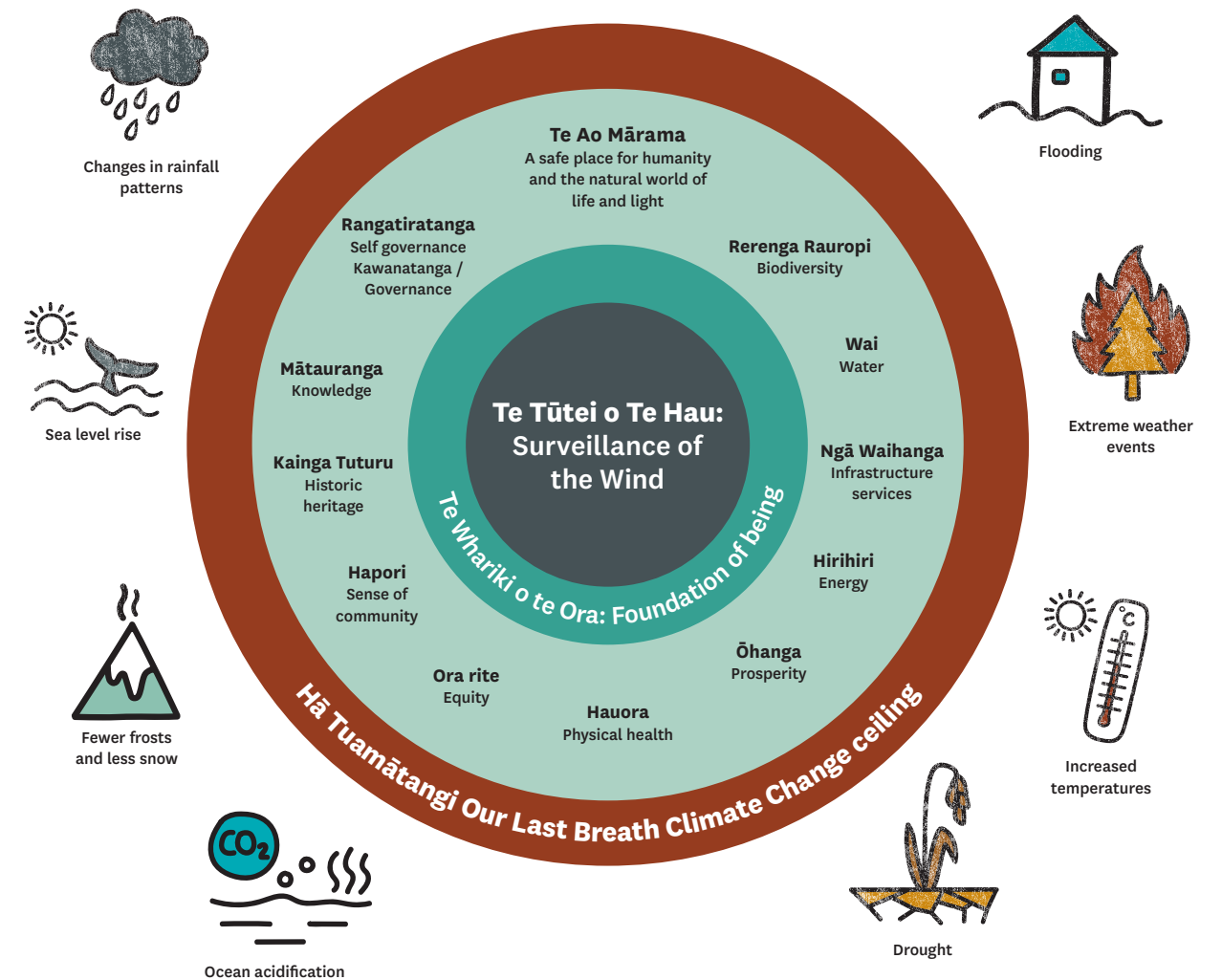


What matters most - Climate change in Canterbury

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 Tahī 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 4 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 renew).
- 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 Amberly 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 greenhous 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.



- 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, including 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 in danger due to 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.



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 is 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.⁵

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.

⁵ 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, 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 practise 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.



An equitable and inclusive transition



Adapted and resilient communities



Climate action leadership

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.



An equitable and inclusive transition



Prosperity



Emissions reduction



Climate action leadership

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.



Adapted and resilient communities



Climate action leadership

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 investment⁶.

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 wellbeings⁷.

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.

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

⁷ European Commission, 2015



A healthy environment



An equitable and inclusive transition



Prosperity



Emissions reduction



Adapted and resilient communities



Climate action leadership

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 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.

-  An equitable and inclusive transition
-  Emissions reduction
-  Adapted and resilient communities
-  Climate action leadership

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 waihanga), 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 wellbeing of current and future generations.



An equitable and inclusive transition



Climate action leadership

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.



A healthy environment



An equitable and inclusive transition



Prosperity



Emissions reduction



Adapted and resilient communities



Climate action leadership

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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-  Emissions reduction
-  Adapted and resilient communities
-  Climate action leadership

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 ā-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 GDP⁸.
- 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 changes⁹. Decisions to forestall projects with demonstrable benefits could therefore impact their future affordability and viability.

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 events¹⁰.

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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Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan Implementation Overview

Mahere Āhuarangi Mahi Rangapū
Tirohanga Whakatinanatanga

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.

Very high urgency

High urgency

Medium urgency

Low urgency

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

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Very high urgency

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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 through Waimate and Waitaki District Councils 2025-2034 Long Term Plans)						

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Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 July 2024

Presented by: Hamish Dobbie, Chair

Water Reform

There is no paper for this item.

This item is an opportunity to share each councils' updates on water reform.

Canterbury Chief Executives Forum

Date: 29 Jul 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 6 May 2024 and provides the regional forums expenditure report 2023-2024 and budget 2024-2025 for approval.

Recommendations

That the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum:

1. **receive the quarterly reports on June 2024 regional forum meetings and updates on the workstream tracker**
2. **approve the 2023-24 expenditure report**
3. **approve the 2024-25 regional forums budget**
4. **discuss possible 2025 meeting locations for the Mayoral Forum.**

Background

2. The regional forums held regular quarterly meetings in June 2024:
 - the Communications and Engagement Forum met on 14 June
 - the Economic Development and Policy Forums met on 17 June
 - the Corporate and Operations Forums met on 24 June.

Communications and Engagement Forum (chair Will Doughty)

3. The Forum met in person on 14 June. Key agenda items included:
 - an update on Environment Canterbury's Critical Risk Programme, with a discussion on the threats and aggression critical risk
 - an update on Public Information Management (PIM) activities and agreement to endorse the proposed commitments and opportunities to support capacity and capability of council PIM staff across the region

- a roundtable discussion on consultation fatigue, the use of themed engagement, approaches to public briefings/meetings in response to the Ombudsman report, and the practices for opening all meetings to the public
- Environment Canterbury's recently developed public comment policy applying to staff and councillors, and a discussion on managing social media commenting.
- the CCEF work programme and priorities 2024.

4. The Forum next meets on 20 September.

Economic Development Forum (chair Sharon Mason)

5. The Economic Development Forum met in person on 17 June. Key agenda items included:

- discussion on skills and immigration, including accurate data to support CMF advocacy, the importance of strategic immigration policies and skill shortages across industries and how they interact
- confirmation of membership of the Regional Energy Inventory Steering Group to oversee the development of the Regional Energy Inventory, and the Terms of Reference
- an update from the Waitaha Canterbury Regional Housing Strategy Steering Group including the scope of work, terms of reference, adding a Greater Christchurch Partnership representative to the Steering Group, and a request to the Chief Executives Forum for a budget of up to \$50,000 to complete the strategy (see item 6.2)
- updates from Forum members on economic development activities across the region.

6. Following the meeting, the Forum had a facilitated workshop on the opportunity for developing a Regional Economic Development Strategy (see item 6.1).

7. The Forum next meets on 23 September.

Policy Forum (chair Hamish Dobbie)

8. The Policy Forum met online on 17 June. Key agenda items included:

- an update on the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan
- noting the intention of the Natural Hazards Risk Reduction working group to be put in abeyance until 2025
- discussion of top-of-mind issues for councils, including policy, bylaw and strategy reviews underway at each council
- an update on the activities of the Planning Managers Group.

9. The Forum next meets on 23 September.

Operations Forum (chair Stuart Duncan)

10. The Forum met online on 24 June. Key agenda items included:

- roundtable discussion on the three waters reform programme, Waka Kotahi funding and insurance renewal challenges
- updates from the Regional Stormwater working group, Regional Wastewater working group, Joint Waste Committee, and Regulatory Managers working group
- agreement to disband the Engineering Managers group as most of what they cover is covered in the Operations Forum
- endorsing the terms of reference for the Canterbury Wastewater working group
- discussion on closed landfill issues
- water testing -regulatory standards and water quality measures and reporting requirements.

11. The Forum next meets on 16 September.

Corporate Forum (chair Angela Oosthuizen)

12. The Forum met online on 24 June. Key agenda items included:

- Mahi Tahi Collaboration portal, noting no councils have used the portal as yet, mainly due to current workload pressures
- water service delivery plan preparation, with information to be shared as appropriate
- roundtable discussion including LTP's, Annual Report preparation, current consultations, insurance renewal challenges and Waka Kotahi funding
- updates from the Finance Managers group, Health and Safety Advisors group, Canterbury Public Records Act Executive Sponsors group and Canterbury Records and Information Managers Support group.

13. The Forum next meets on 16 September.

Regional forums budget 2023/24

14. The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum approved the regional forums 2023/2024 budget at its meeting in July 2023.

15. 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.

16. The income and expenditure report as of 30 June 2024 is provided at Attachment 1.

17. There is a balance of \$114,395 to be carried over into the 2024/2025 financial year.

18. The budget carry over in the main relates to the following:

- Canterbury Wellbeing 2022 review being done in-house by the secretariat with support from Environment Canterbury
- the housing strategy not progressing as expected, however scheduled for completion in the coming financial year (see item 6.2)
- collaboration projects not being progressed
- refund from 2022-2023 for three waters template, not proceeding.

Regional Forums Budget 2024/25

19. It is proposed that councils are levied the same amount as previous years for the regional forums budget. The draft regional forum budget is provided at Attachment 2.

20. The proposed regional forums budget for 2024/25 includes the following:

- housing strategy (item 6.2)
- energy inventory
- economic development strategy (item 6.1)
- Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan launch and video
- strategic planning and support.

21. The 2024-2025 budget, as presented, shows a final deficit of \$14,372.18, however historically we have not fully expended the full regional forums budget.

22. The secretariat will be tracking this throughout the year. Should we get close to being in a deficit position this will be reported directly to Chief Executives and adjustments may be made at that time.

Workstream tracker

23. The latest version of the workstream tracker is provided at Attachment 3.

2025 meetings

24. Following the success of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum meeting in Ashburton this year there has been discussion about holding future Mayoral Forums outside of Christchurch in 2025. The secretariat is currently drafting the 2025 calendar. The Forum normally meets in the last week of February, May, August and November.

25. If one of next year's meeting is to be held elsewhere in the region, the secretariat would need to have this decision made soon. This is because changing locations for the meeting has

logistical implications, and also impacts on the other regional meetings held around the Forum (the Regional Transport Committee and the Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee).

26. Advice is sought from chief executives as to whether a meeting should be held elsewhere next year, and in what location.

Next meetings

27. Scheduled forum meetings for the upcoming quarter are:

29 Aug	Mayoral Forum dinner
30 Aug	Mayoral Forum
16 Sept	Corporate and Operations Forums
20 Sept	Communications and Engagement Forums
23 Sept	Economic Development and Policy Forums

Next steps

28. Environment Canterbury will invoice councils for the agreed levies. The secretariat will provide a quarterly budget update to the Chief Executives Forum.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Income and Expenditure report as at 30 June 2023
- Attachment 2 – Regional Forums Budget 2024-2025
- Attachment 3 – Workstream tracker

Attachment 1 - Income and Expenditure report as at 30 June 2024**Regional Forums Budget 2023/2024 Budget**

INCOME	Contribution	Budget 2023/24	Actual 2023/24
Regional Forums Levy 2023/24	Ratios		
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
TOTAL INCOME	100%	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00
SURPLUS carried forward from 2022/23		\$74,749.32	\$74,749.32
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE for 2023/24		\$137,749.32	\$137,749.32

EXPENDITURE	Budget 2023/24	Forecast to end of FY (including actuals)	Actual 2023/24
Research			
Canterbury Wellbeing 2022 review	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$-
Mayoral Forum Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025			
Housing strategy ILM	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Housing Strategy ILM Logistics, room hire etc	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$870.00
Housing strategy - development (TBC)	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$-
Skills & immigration	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-
Future projects (TBC)	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$1,350.00
	\$71,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$12,220.00
Workshops			
Strategic planning & support	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$-
CE Forum Heart & Brain workshop	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$5,500.00
Training Events			
TBC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-
Collaborative projects			
MahiTahi LG Collaboration Portal subscription	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Collaborative projects	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$-
CCPP - Te Reo translation			\$745.00
CRIMS & CPRAES project			\$9,651.00
Fast-Track Approvals Bill CMF Submission	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,257.50
	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$30,653.50
Three waters			
Three waters council contributions carried forward	\$9,268.00	\$9,268.00	\$-
Refund CPRAES/CRIMS Three waters template	\$-25,349.00	\$-25,349.00	\$-25,349.00
	\$-16,081.00	\$-16,081.00	\$-25,349.00
Secretariat / Administration			
Travel (secretariat support)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-
Mayoral Forum leaving gifts	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$209.00
Gifts for guest speakers			\$120.00
	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$329.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$110,419.00	\$110,419.00	\$23,353.50

	Budget 2023/24	Forecast to end of FY (including actuals)	Actual 2023/24
SURPLUS / DEFICIT			
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$137,749.32	\$137,749.32	\$137,749.32
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$110,419.00	\$110,419.00	\$23,353.50
TOTAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$27,330.32	\$27,330.32	\$114,395.82

Attachment 2 - Regional Forums Budget 2024-2025**Regional Forums Budget 2024/2025 Budget**

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TOTAL INCOME	100%	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00
SURPLUS carried forward from 2023/24		\$114,395.82	\$114,395.82
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE for 2024/25		\$177,395.82	\$177,395.82

EXPENDITURE	Budget 2024/25	Forecast to end of FY (including actuals)	Actual 2024/25
Research			
TBC	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$-
Mayoral Forum Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025			
Housing strategy	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Energy Inventory	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Economic Development Strategy	\$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	\$-
	\$162,500.00	\$162,500.00	\$-
Workshops			
Strategic planning & support	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$-
	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$-
Training Events			
TBC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-
Collaborative projects			
TBC			
	\$-	\$-	\$-
Three waters			
Three waters council contributions carried forward	\$9,268.00	\$9,268.00	\$-
	\$9,268.00	\$9,268.00	\$-
Secretariat / Administration			
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	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$191,768.00	\$191,768.00	\$-

	Budget 2024/25	Forecast to end of FY (including actuals)	Actual 2024/25
SURPLUS / DEFICIT			
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$177,395.82	\$177,395.82	\$177,395.82
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$191,768.00	\$191,768.00	\$-
TOTAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$-14,372.18	\$-14,372.18	\$177,395.82

Canterbury Regional Forums workstream tracker 2023-2025

Updated 6 June 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. Discusses at ED Forum March 2024, waiting for feedback.	Not started	TBC	\$ 1,000.00	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	On track	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 are preparing an updated biodiversity stocktake report Following project finalisation, a report to the Mayoral Forum on the scoping of the regional biodiversity monitoring programme can 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	

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6b	Include in briefings to new Ministers following 2023 general election	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	Included in briefings to Ministers 1 March 2024	On track				
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 progressed alongside ILM process	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	Included in CE Forum meeting 29 July for approval (Item 6.2)	on track	31 July 2024	TBC	N/a	
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	Indicative actions and funding discussed at Nov Mayoral Forum. Members endorsed approach to collectively fund regional actions in the plan	On track	30 August 2024	TBC	Councils inserting bids into 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 awaiting update on resources before starting	on track	TBC	TBC		

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#	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 Chagne working group to oversee.	On track	31 December 2020	\$ -	N/a	
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. Arrangements to join the MahiTahi collaboration portal are underway.	On track	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	On track				

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Engage with central government on the future for local government by supporting development of a regional approach and participating in the Future for Local Government Review									Waitaha/Canterbury views are clearly articulated through the reform process
15b	Following completion of survey of CMF members, formulate a CMF response to recommendations and include in briefings to new Ministers following 2023 general election	Mayoral Forum	Secretariat	Members surveyed on report's recommendations. Agreement at Nov Mayoral Forum to determine next steps once the LGNZ process is finalised. Funding and financing of local government topic included in briefings ministers 1 March 2024	On track				
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			Not started		\$ 1,000.00	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	Delayed		\$ -	N/a	

DRAFT AGENDA

CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM



Name:	Canterbury Mayoral Forum
Date:	Friday, 30 August 2024
Time:	8:30 am to 1:00 pm (NZST)
Location:	Commodore Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Burnside, Christchurch
Board Members:	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
Attendees:	Mayor Monique Croon, Hamish Riach, Hamish Dobbie, Alex Parmley, Angela Oosthuizen, Jeff Millward, Sharon Mason, Stefanie Rixecker, Stuart Duncan, Will Doughty, Mary Richardson, Nigel Trainor, Mr Paul Eagle, Maree McNeilly, Amanda Wall, Ann Fitzgerald

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

Thei 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 - 31 May 2024

1.4 Action List

Nigel Bowen

Supporting Documents:

1.4.a Action List

2. Discussion and decision

2.1 Regional Economic Development Strategy

8:45 am (60 min)

Sharon Mason

paper and workshop

3. Morning tea

3.1 Morning tea

9:45 am (15 min)

4. Guest speakers

4.1 Nick Leggett, Infrastructure NZ and Wayne Scott, Aggregate & Quarrying Assn

10:00 am (60 min)

5. For Discussion and decision

5.1 Canterbury Climate Action Planning update

11:00 am (10 min)

Dan Gordon

5.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy update

11:10 am (10 min)

Peter Scott

5.3 Water Reform

11:20 am (15 min)

Nigel Bowen

6. For information

6.1 Regional Public Service Commissioner update

11:35 am (15 min)

Ben Clark

6.2 Chief Executives Forum report

11:50 am (5 min)

Hamish Riach

6.3 Mayoral Forum activities and engagements

7. General business

7.1 General business

11:55 am (10 min)

7.2 Meeting review

12:05 pm (5 min)

8. Close Meeting

8.1 Closing karakia

12:10 pm (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: Canterbury Mayoral Forum - 29 Nov 2024, 8:30 am

Lunch with the Canterbury Coalition Government MPs immediately following at 12.30pm in the dining room