

# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

May 2016

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum meets at least quarterly and is chaired by Jim Palmer (Waimakariri).

Members are Andrew Dalziel (Ashburton), Angela Oosthuizen (Kaikōura), Bede Carran (Waimate), Bill Bayfield (ECan), David Ward (Selwyn), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Dr Karleen Edwards (Christchurch), Michael Ross (Waitaki), Peter Nixon (Timaru) and Wayne Barnett (Mackenzie).

The secretariat (Steve Gibling, David Bromell, Lorraine Johns, Anna Puentener and Bernadette Sanders) is hosted by Environment Canterbury.



**Key focus:** How might Canterbury councils best work together and support each other during 2016–19 to deliver good quality local infrastructure, local public services and performance and regulatory functions?

## CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

The Forum met on 30 May 2016 and approved the Regional Approach to Managing Natural Hazard Risk and associated work programme.

The approach was developed collaboratively by the Canterbury Risk Reduction Forum with membership from each of the Canterbury Councils and the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group. Membership of the Forum included planners, emergency management officers, natural hazard scientists and strategy staff.

The approach has identified four key focus areas including: roles and responsibilities, collaboration and co-ordination, regional research, and communication and engagement.

An initial one-year work programme has been developed with some quick wins such as improved accessibility to hazard information and creating a toolbox of existing communication techniques. This forms the base for a longer term programme aimed at establishing a stronger and more consistent voice when addressing hazard risk issues at a national, regional or local level.

Chief Executives also:

- discussed opportunities for further collaboration, in addition to ongoing work including the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS)
- discussed the marketing of hotel development opportunities across the region, and agreed to continue work to identify a package of investable opportunities
- received an update on the Freedom Camping Working Group - a draft action plan has been developed to respond to concerns about freedom camping in Canterbury
- agreed to seek funding from central government in the context of the Regional Mid-Size Tourism Facilities Fund to help address the strain on facilities across the region in preparation for an increase in tourist numbers this summer
- received the latest Economic Indicators Report prepared by Canterbury Development Corporation for the CREDS work streams, noting that growth across Canterbury is solid, unemployment figures remain low, and visitor spending has increased.

## COMING UP

- The Chief Executives Forum next meets on 29 August 2016.

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