



NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

August 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 (Environment Canterbury), David Ward (Selwyn), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Dr Karleen Edwards (Christchurch), Michael Ross (Waitaki), Peter Nixon (Timaru) and Wayne Barnett (Mackenzie).

The Secretariat (David Bromell, 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 29 August 2016 and heard Christchurch City Council’s Teresa McCallum talk about the Smart Cities project. The project looks at opportunities to leverage the next generation of technology to make a place more enjoyable for people to live, work and play. Smart Cities’ data enables places to operate more efficiently, by joining different technologies and agencies to enhance the quality, performance and interactivity of urban services, reduce costs and resource consumption, and improve contact between citizens and government. Practical applications include pedestrian flow in the CBD, an app for flood-prone residents, air quality monitoring, and ‘Smart Block’ – street lighting, on-street parking, rubbish bins, and water metering.

The Forum also:

- received an update on the hotel investment project – identifying potential sites for hotel developments to support Canterbury’s growing tourism industry – including advice on the current hotel investment market (currently focused on refurbishing existing stock rather than investing in new builds), and the potential to leverage off central government’s ‘Project Palace’
- received the findings of the valuation and rating scoping investigation undertaken by Ernst & Young. The report identified areas where improvements can be made and proposed work streams for the next steps. CEs agreed to progress this work, with David Ward as sponsor for the project
- appointed Bill Bayfield as the Chair of the Canterbury Policy Forum for the year commencing 1 January 2017
- agreed to set up a working group and develop a framework to help us decide what to collaborate on, when, and why, and how to measure the costs and benefits
- supported, in principle, the proposal to re-constitute the ‘virtual health and safety team’ as a technical group reporting to the CE Forum – Terms of Reference will be developed by the current ‘virtual’ team
- approved the updated draft Charter of Purpose and Triennial agreement for incoming Mayors, and allocated leadership of action items in the draft three-year work programme.

COMING UP

- The Chief Executives Forum next meets on 31 October 2016.

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