

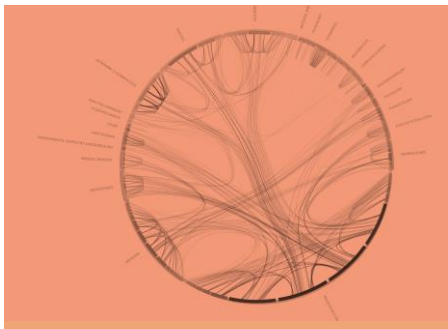


# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

March 2016

The Canterbury Policy Forum has asked its secretariat to circulate a summary of key points from regional leadership forum meetings (Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Chief Executives Forum, Canterbury Policy Forum) for chief executives to share with staff.

Let's make the information flow both ways – alert your council's Forum member/the secretariat to opportunities for us to speak with one strong Canterbury voice, and to work together for the good of our communities and region.



## CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

The Policy Forum met on **18 March 2016**. Key agenda items were:

- an update on actions under way with the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS)
- a discussion of opportunities for regional collaboration and how best to ensure consistency and efficiencies across local government in Canterbury
- the processes for providing shared Canterbury submissions to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee on the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill and to the Ministry for the Environment on the proposed changes to freshwater management
- formation of a working group to assist councils and support a consistent approach to requests for information under LGOIMA (the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act)
- freedom camping in Canterbury – the challenges of managing the activities and impacts of a small minority of freedom campers, and the value of these visitors and their contribution to local economies
- councils' community engagement for Annual Plans.

*If you have any questions or ideas, and would like to be involved in the discussion, please contact your council's representative on the Forum, and/or the secretariat.*

## COMING UP

The Chief Executives Forum (chaired by Jim Palmer, Waimakariri) next meets on **Monday 4 April 2016**. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum (chaired by Dame Margaret Bazley, Environment Canterbury) will meet again on **Friday 29 April 2016**.

## FORUM MEMBERS

The Canterbury Policy Forum meets quarterly and is chaired by Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury). Members are Bede Carran (Waimate), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Jill Atkinson (Environment Canterbury), Mark Low (Timaru), Michael Ross (Waitaki), Brendan Anstiss (Christchurch), David Ward (Selwyn), Simon Markham (Waimakariri), Angela Oosthuizen (Kaikōura), Toni Morrison (Mackenzie) and Vincie Billante (Ashburton).

The Secretariat (Steve Gibling, Ronnie Cooper and Bernadette Sanders) is drawn from the Strategic Policy team at Environment Canterbury.

## The role of the Canterbury Policy Forum

- joint analysis and submissions (*one strong Canterbury voice*)
- reduce duplication of policy effort (*efficient local government*)
- implement joint initiatives (*collaborate to get better results*).

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