



# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

May 2016

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

Let's make the information flow both ways – alert your council's member or the secretariat to opportunities 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 6 May 2016. Key agenda items were:

- a discussion with Iain Southall and Siobhan Routledge (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) around the Government's Business Growth Agenda and opportunities for alignment with the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS) and other activities in our region
- a strategic approach to further local government collaboration in Canterbury – the Forum reviewed draft criteria for assessing areas of councils' activities where collaboration could be progressed. Criteria include contribution to CREDS priorities, efficiency savings, nature and size of impact, and costs and resourcing required. The criteria will be further discussed at the Chief Executives Forum later in the month
- updates on CREDS work streams, including a regional visitor forum scheduled for June, a freedom camping workshop on 12 May, and new statistics on newcomer and migrant settlement in Canterbury
- the establishment of a region-wide network group for OIA/LGOIMA procedures.

## COMING UP

The Chief Executives Forum (chaired by Jim Palmer, Waimakariri) next meets on **Monday 30 May 2016**.

The Mayoral Forum (chaired by Dame Margaret Bazley, Environment Canterbury) next meets on **Friday 24 June 2016**.

## FORUM MEMBERS

The 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 and Geoff Meadows (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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