



NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

August 2016

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

At the request of the Mayoral Forum, Environment Canterbury hosts a permanent secretariat to the three regional forums, funded by the general regional rate.

You are welcome to contact us for further information!

COMING UP

Chief Executives meet on **Monday 29 August 2016.**

The Mayoral Forum meets on **Friday 25 November.**

The Policy Forum meets on **2 December 2016.**

CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

The Policy Forum met on 12 August 2016. Key agenda items were:

- overviews of collaborative achievements of the Mayoral Forum and of the Canterbury Policy Forum – an impressive array of activities achieved across the region over the last year
- discussion about how best to evaluate, track and report on outcomes of working collaboratively, informed by Melissa Robson (Landcare Research) and Teresa Wooding (Christchurch City Council). Melissa is researching collaboration for the National Science Challenge (Land and Water) and Teresa's team is working on regional opportunities for collaboration including transport and 3 Waters, using the Better Business Case model. A Forum working group will be formed to progress ideas on how to measure, monitor and report on the benefits of collaboration.
- discussion on opportunities for collaboration on the 2018 Long-Term Plan process, including sharing of population analysis data, draft infrastructure strategies, draft financial strategies, and information on proposed Levels of Service. A working group will be set up in the near future to identify opportunities for councils to work together on developing their Long-Term Plans.
- Bill Bayfield was nominated as Chair for the year commencing 1 January 2017. The Chief Executives Forum will be asked to appoint him at their meeting on 29 August 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).

There have been some changes in the secretariat recently. David Perenara-O'Connell has replaced Steve Gibling, Anna Puentener joins David Bromell as part of the secretariat, and Ronnie Cooper will refocus on Environment Canterbury policy work. Bernadette Sanders continues to support the Forum.

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).

Contact us

Policy Forum Secretariat

secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz

T: David Bromell 027 839 2708

T: Anna Puentener 027 406 4576

berny.sanders@ecan.govt.nz

T: 027 520 9122
