



NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

October 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 31 October 2016 and finalised the briefing to incoming Mayors/Chair. The briefing includes a draft Triennial Agreement and Mayoral Forum Charter of Purpose. These will be presented to the first Mayoral Forum for this electoral cycle in November 2016. A draft three-year work programme has been developed for Mayors' agreement and includes a range of activities that support the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy.

The Forum also:

- referred a draft report 'Working Together for Canterbury' to the Canterbury Policy Forum for its discussion and feedback. The report suggests a framework and criteria for deciding what Canterbury councils collaborate on and why, when, how, with whom and who pays. Various cost sharing solutions are included in the report, reflecting that collaboration often brings costs as well as benefits
- supported the establishment of a small working group, led by Bill Bayfield, to look at the numerous forums and working groups across the region in order to make more effective use of the knowledge and expertise in those groups, and 'join the dots'
- agreed terms of reference for a Technology Working Group which is exploring opportunities for 'infrastructure as a service'
- agreed terms of reference and received a progress report from the Canterbury Drinking Water Reference Group, formed in light of the Havelock North drinking water contamination incident. The group has met twice with strong support from councils across the region.
- received updates from the Rating and Valuation Services Project, the Three Waters Strategic Assessment project and the Regional Stormwater Forum
- farewelled Peter Nixon, the Chief Executive of Timaru District Council, who retires after over 40 years in local government. The Chair thanked Peter for his thoughtful and pragmatic contributions to the Forum.

COMING UP

- The Chief Executives Forum next meets on 30 January 2017.

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