



NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

December 2016

The regional forums Secretariat circulates a summary of key points from meetings of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Chief Executives Forum and Canterbury Policy Forum for forum members to share with colleagues.

This news page, and meeting papers with confirmed minutes, are published on the Mayoral Forum's website at: www.canterburymayors.org.nz

You are welcome to contact the Secretariat (contact details below) for further information.

COMING UP

Chief Executives meet on
Monday 30 January 2017

The Mayoral Forum meets on
Friday 27 January 2017
(November meeting was postponed)

The Canterbury Policy Forum
meets on
Friday 7 April 2017

CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

The Canterbury Policy Forum met on 2 December 2016.

- Bill Bayfield acknowledged councils' contributions to earthquake response and recovery planning in Kaikōura and Hurunui. For some councils, this has meant a significant number of staff away from their usual business. He expressed the Forum's support for colleagues in Kaikōura and Hurunui.
- sorting out how we work together – the Forum gave feedback and reached agreement on principles to guide decision-making about how we work together, criteria for prioritising further collaboration, a decision framework and a policy and process for joint submissions
- [RMA regulation](#) that may be likely to require a regional response in 2017 was identified and discussed
- Christchurch City Council offered to lead development of a regional submission on the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Bill (due 2 February 2017)
- the Long-Term Plan working group has met and discussed a joined-up approach to LTPs around the region, the benefits of sharing resources and capacity, the importance of early communication and engagement, and the need for consistency around performance measures. Raymond Horan (SOLGM) is working with the group and engagement will also take place with Audit NZ and the OAG.
- an update from the Chief Executives Forum included progress on the Canterbury Drinking Water Reference Group, the Technology Working Group, and the Rating and Valuation Services project.

FORUM MEMBERS

The Canterbury Policy Forum meets quarterly and is chaired by Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury). Members are Carolyn Johns (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).

David Bromell, Anna Puentener and Bernadette Sanders provide secretariat support.

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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