

NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM

August 2019

About the Mayoral Forum

The Mayoral Forum leads implementation of:

- the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement
- the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS).

The Forum is chaired in this local government term by Mayor Lianne Dalziel (Christchurch City).

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PRE-FORUM DISCUSSIONS

- On 8 August, the Forum discussed an overview of the four wellbeings/capitals in Canterbury ([Canterbury Overview 2019](#)) produced by the Secretariat. The meeting affirmed the value of using a comprehensive framework that has currency in central government and identified key themes to focus on in the next local government term.

MAYORAL FORUM HIGHLIGHTS, 9 AUGUST 2019

- The Forum signed off on a package of documents for the incoming Mayoral Forum, including:
 - a record of Mayoral Forum achievements 2016–2019
 - a briefing for incoming members of the Mayoral Forum
 - a draft Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement for 2020–2022
 - a draft letter of expectations to the Regional Transport Committee.
- The Forum also agreed to an expanded set of criteria for supporting Canterbury applications to the Provincial Growth Fund, and received a final report on the CREDS rail services project.
- Mayor Sam Broughton gave an update on the South Island Destination Management Plan, a project initiated by the Mayoral Forum with funding from the Provincial Growth Fund.
- Delivery of the Forum's 3-year work programme and CREDS projects are on track for completion by the end of the year.

Looking ahead...

In 2019 the Forum is focusing on:

- *responding to central government proposals that impact on local government and Canterbury, including the regulation and management of Three Waters, and immigration policies that impact on labour market supply*
- *implementation of projects funded by the Regional Growth Programme and Provincial Growth Fund*
- *preparing and approving drafts of the triennial agreement, three-year work programme, and a process to refresh the CREDS for the next local government term.*

OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL FORUM

As this was the last meeting of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum for this local government term, members who are not standing in the upcoming local body elections were acknowledged and thanked: Winston Gray (Kaikōura), Winton Dalley (Hurunui), David Ayers (Waimakariri), and Steve Lowndes (Environment Canterbury). Damon Odey (Timaru) has since announced he is not standing for re-election. The Mayoral Forum thanks the above members for their service to the region over the past three years and wishes them well for their future endeavours.

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... a strong regional economy with resilient, connected communities and a better quality of life for all.

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