



# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

May 2017

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 (Timaru), Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury), David Ward (Selwyn), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Dr Karleen Edwards (Christchurch), Michael Ross (Waitaki), Stuart Duncan (Waimate) and Wayne Barnett (Mackenzie).

The Secretariat (David Bromell, Anna Puentener) is hosted by Environment Canterbury.



**Key focus:** How might Canterbury councils best work together and support each other during 2017–19 to deliver good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance and regulatory functions?

## CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

Chief Executives met on 8 May 2017 and:

- agreed terms of reference for two new regional forums. The forums will draw on the considerable experience and expertise in Canterbury councils to work more effectively across the region. The Canterbury Corporate Forum includes chairs from the Finance Managers, Chief Information Officers and Canterbury Records and Information Management groups. The Canterbury Operations Forum includes chairs of the Engineering Managers, Natural Hazards and Risk Reduction and Regulatory Managers groups. All councils are represented at both forums.
- noted that two new regional working groups will form, reporting to the Policy Forum, to address significant issues facing the region. A climate change regional working group will share information and expertise and provide one authoritative source of information for the region. In response to the Environmental Defence Society’s recommendation, a regional working group will share knowledge and expertise about compliance, monitoring and enforcement.
- noted progress on the revised Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy, due to be finalised by the Mayoral Forum when it meets in Timaru on 26 May. A Ministerial launch is planned for 23 June 2017.
- received updates from the new Health and Safety Advisors Group, the Canterbury Drinking Water Reference Group, the Rating and Valuation Services Project, the Long-Term Plan Working Group, the Three Waters Strategic Assessment project and the Technology Working Group
- discussed Ngāi Tahu’s notification to councils regarding the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act. Ngāi Tahu expects to commence the process formally in about six months, and will consult with Papatipu Rūnanga, landowners, councils and other parties in due course.
- farewellled Michael Ross, Chief Executive of Waitaki District Council, and thanked him for his contribution to the Forum.

### COMING UP

- The Canterbury Mayoral Forum next meets on 26 May 2017.
- The Canterbury Policy Forum next meets on 7 July 2017.
- The Chief Executives Forum next meets on 31 July 2017.

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