



# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

November 2018

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum meets quarterly, and is chaired by Jim Palmer (Waimakariri).

Members are Angela Oosthuizen (Kaikōura), Bede Carran (Timaru), Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury), David Ward (Selwyn), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui), Hamish Riach (Ashburton), Dr Karleen Edwards (Christchurch), Fergus Power (Waitaki), Stuart Duncan (Waimate) and Suzette van Aswegen (Mackenzie).



**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 5 November 2018, hosted at Selwyn District Council.

Key agenda items were:

- Chairs for the regional forums for 2019 were confirmed, with current Chairs continuing in their roles. These are:
  - Chief Executives – Jim Palmer (Waimakariri)
  - Policy – Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury)
  - Corporate – David Ward (Selwyn)
  - Operations - Bede Carran (Timaru)

- an update on the regional approach to Natural Hazards management. The Natural Hazards working group also requested to change reporting lines from the Operations to Policy Forum due to better alignment of their work programme.



- a report on biodiversity in the Canterbury region, including work underway to improve biodiversity outcomes and greater collaboration across councils and other groups. A briefing will be presented at the February 2019 Mayoral Forum meeting.
- a report from the Public Records Act Executive Sponsors working group on public records maturity across Canterbury councils, showing that Canterbury councils are doing well but improvements can be made across the region.
- updates on CREDs implementation, Three Waters, and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) and 'Fit for the Future' project.

## COMING UP

- The Mayoral Forum meets in Christchurch on 6-7 December 2018.
- The next Chief Executives Forum will be held 21 January 2019.

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