



NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

April 2017

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

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COMING UP

Chief Executives meet on
Monday 8 May 2017

The Mayoral Forum meets on
Friday 26 May 2017

The Canterbury Policy Forum meets on
Friday 7 July 2017

CANTERBURY POLICY FORUM

The Canterbury Policy Forum met on 7 April 2017.

- The Forum discussed climate change issues in relation to councils and agreed to set up a regional working group to progress thinking and planning across the region about climate change.
- In response to the recommendations of the Environmental Defence Society's recent report on compliance, monitoring and enforcement of environmental law, the Forum agreed to set up a regional working group to share knowledge and expertise on compliance and enforcement.
- Legislation that is likely to require a regional response in 2017 was identified and discussed. The secretariat is organising a one-day workshop on submission writing for council staff.
- The Forum discussed the range of activities taking place in fresh water management.
- Forum members supported the establishment of two new regional forums – Operations and Finance – which will ensure we make the most of expertise and knowledge across the region.
- An update from the Canterbury Mayoral Forum included progress on the revised Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy due to be launched in June.
- Updates were provided on the Long-Term Plan working group, the new regional Health and Safety Advisors Group, the Rating and Valuation Services project and the Planning Managers group.

FORUM MEMBERS

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

Anna Puentener and David Bromell 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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