NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

April 2018

The Canterbury Chief Executives Forum meets 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), Fergus Power (Waitaki), Stuart Duncan (Waimate) and Suzette van Aswegen (Mackenzie).

The Secretariat 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 30 April 2018, hosted at Selwyn District Council. Key agenda items were:

- Presentations on the Provincial Growth Fund and 1 Billion Trees programme by officials from Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment, Department of Internal Affairs, and Ministry for Primary Industries. Discussions focussed on how both programmes will work, processes for applying, and potential opportunities for Canterbury from these funds.
- update on the implementation of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS). This included
 - a draft mid-term review for approval by the Mayoral Forum
 - updates on the 3-year work programme
 - the CREDs quarterly project report.
- an update from David Ward on the valuation and rating services project, including the presentation of findings on technology platform options by EY, and discussion on next steps for the project.
- updates from Bill Bayfield on Civil Defence and Emergency Management reviews and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) implementation.
- discussion on the review of 3 Waters, including the recent update of progress from central government, and an update from the Drinking Water reference group.
- reports from
 - the Policy, Corporate and Operations Forums on their second cycle of meetings for 2018
 - the Engineering Managers working group on engineering services and common standards
 - the Climate Change working group on the development of its work programme.

COMING UP

- The Mayoral Forum meets in Christchurch on 24-25 May 2018.
- The next Chief Executives Forum will be held 6 August 2018.

The Chief Executives Forum would like to extend a special thanks to Central government officials for travelling down from Wellington to discuss the Provincial Growth Fund and 1 Billion Tress programme.

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