

## The vision for Greater Christchurch

*By the year 2041, Greater Christchurch has a vibrant inner city and suburban centres surrounded by thriving rural communities and towns, connected by efficient and sustainable infrastructure. There are a wealth of public spaces ranging from bustling inner city streets to expansive open spaces and parks, which embrace natural systems, landscapes and heritage. Innovative businesses are welcome and can thrive supported by a wide range of attractive facilities and opportunities. Prosperous communities can enjoy a variety of lifestyles in good health and safety, enriched by the diversity of cultures and the beautiful environment of Greater Christchurch.*

## UDS Implementation Committee

The Committee ('UDSIC') governs and leads the partnership. It is a formal joint committee established under the Local Government Act 2002.

A key focus of the Committee is to oversee implementation of the UDS and the priority actions contained therein. The Committee also recently adopted the Resilient Greater Christchurch Plan.

On significant matters the Committee seeks ratification from each of the individual partner governance meetings.

It is supported by regular meetings of the Chief Executives Advisory Group ('CEAG').

Update from the

**Greater Christchurch**

**Urban Development Strategy**

**Implementation Committee**

March 2017

### The Committee met on 3 March 2017.

#### Key points from the meeting are:

- The Committee endorsed an approach that sees the first phase of a strategy review having a focus on the settlement planning aspects necessary to meet the requirements of the recent National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity. An initial project brief will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee (see note attached).
- The Committee endorsed a proposal to develop a Regeneration Framework to guide regeneration activities, providing confidence initiatives are well planned, coordinated and there is a clear view of what needs to be achieved by 2021 when the Act expires.
- The Committee considered an updated Memorandum of Agreement to support the renewed role and operation of the Committee and the Partnership. Further discussion was required on a few matters therefore the MoA will be represented at the Committee's next meeting.
- The Committee agreed to the preparation of a Partnership submission on the recent Urban Development Authorities discussion document released by MBIE.
- The Committee received an implementation progress update on the Lyttleton Port Recovery Plan, showing good progress across all actions except resolving timeframes around public access to the Dampier Bay waterfront.

The full agenda and minutes from the meeting are available at <http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/>

For further information on the UDS Partnership and this Committee visit [www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz](http://www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz) or contact Keith Tallentire, UDS Implementation Manager, [ktallentire@greaterchristchurch.org.nz](mailto:ktallentire@greaterchristchurch.org.nz) or Tel: 03 941 8590.

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### Settlement Pattern Review and the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity

- The Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Update was endorsed by the Committee in July 2016. The document updates the 2007 Strategy to respond to the significant events and changes that have occurred since its release. It does not replace the 2007 Strategy, but rather complements it.
- The Strategy Update did not attempt to revise the land use framework set out in the Land Use Recovery Plan (LURP) and included in Chapter 6 of the Regional Policy Statement.
- The Committee therefore endorsed an approach that sees the first phase of a strategy review having a focus on settlement pattern matters and that this integrates work necessary to meet the requirements of the recent National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC).
- The NPS-UDC directs local authorities to provide sufficient development capacity in their resource management plans for housing and business growth to meet demand in the short (3 years), medium (10 years) and long term (30 years). The requirements of NPS-UDC policies variously relate to both territorial authorities and regional councils.
- The NPS-UDC adopts a tiered structure that establishes additional requirements for local authorities with high-growth and medium-growth urban areas within their district or region. The Christchurch urban area is identified as being in a group of high-growth urban areas along with Auckland, Tauranga, Hamilton, and Queenstown.
- The Christchurch urban area, as identified by Statistics New Zealand includes the towns of Prebbleton (Selwyn district) and Kaiapoi (Waimakariri district). The NPS-UDC specifies that the application of policies to ensure development capacity is not restricted to the boundaries of the identified urban area. The NPS-UDC also states that local authorities that share jurisdiction over an urban area are strongly encouraged to work together to implement the NPS-UDC.
- The Committee resolved that a settlement pattern review (which integrates the work necessary to meet the requirements of the NPS-UDC) is therefore undertaken through a collaborative partnership arrangement.
- Key deliverables and timeframes required by the NPS-UDC are:
  - Quarterly monitoring of a range of market indicators (commencing June 2017)
  - Housing and business development capacity assessment (by December 2017)
  - Setting minimum targets for housing in regional policy statement and district plans (December 2018)
  - Prepare a future development strategy to demonstrate sufficient, feasible development capacity in the medium and long term (by December 2018).
- The Committee noted that completion of the settlement pattern review will need to be integrated with related processes including district plan reviews and long term plans (and associated infrastructure strategies).