



Greater Christchurch Partnership

Te Tira Tū Tahī

One Group, Standing Together

Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Friday 13 December 2024
Time: 8.34 am
Venue: Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson Jim Palmer , Independent Chairperson
Members Jane Huria , Mana Whenua
Gail Gordon - Mana Whenua
Mayor Phil Mauger , Christchurch City Council
Councillor Sara Templeton , Christchurch City Council
Chair Craig Pauling , Environment Canterbury
Councillor Grant Edge - Environment Canterbury
Councillor Vicky Southworth , Environment Canterbury - via audio/visual link
Mayor Sam Broughton , Selwyn District Council
Councillor Nicole Reid - Selwyn District Council
Mayor Dan Gordon , Waimakariri District Council
Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson , Waimakariri District Council
Councillor Niki Mealings , Waimakariri District Council
(Non-Voting Member) James Caygill , Waka Kotahi (New Zealand Transport Agency)

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Karakia mō te Tīmatataka Opening Incantation

Tūtawa mai i runga	I summon from above
Tūtawa mai i raro	I summon from below
Tūtawa mai i roto	I summon from within
Tūtawa mai i waho	and the surrounding environment
Kia tau ai te mauri tū	The universal vitality and energy to infuse
te mauri ora ki te katoa	And enrich all present
Hāumi e, hui e, taiki e	Unified, connected and blessed

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Committee Resolved GCPC/2024/00010

That the apologies from Dr Anna Stevenson, Councillors Henstock and Gliddon, and Dr Te Maire Tau and be accepted.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Councillor Nicole Reid

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Chair Palmer noted that he will be vacating the chair at the conclusion of Item 8.

3. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

There were no deputations by appointment.

Councillor Templeton joined the meeting at 8.38 during the consideration of Item 4.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

Committee Resolved GCPC/2024/00011

That the minutes of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee meeting held on Friday, 9 August 2024 be confirmed.

Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson/Mayor Phil Mauger

Carried

5. Draft Greater Christchurch Transport Plan 2024 Update

Committee Comment

1. The Committee discussed the importance of securing the corridor for Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) and suggested staff come back with a paper on how best to progress this along with timings.

2. The Committee supported the request that a high-level summary of key transport projects that are aligned to the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, be provided as part of the next work programme update.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2024/00012

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives** the update on the draft Greater Christchurch Transport Plan.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Mayor Dan Gordon

Carried

Mayor Dan Gordon left the meeting at 9:15 am and returned to the meeting at 9:17 am during consideration of Item 6.

6. Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Project Update

Committee Comment

1. There was discussion around the benefit, from a communications and certainty perspective, of committing to undertake the whole project, rather than committing on a stage by stage basis. This should be considered as part of the report back to the Committee on how best to progress the MRT.
2. Mana whenua representatives noted they were looking forward to the project and clarifying their role in the future.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2024/00013

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives** the update on the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Councillor Sara Templeton

Carried

Gail Gordon left the meeting at 9.46 am and returned at 9.53 am during the consideration of Item 7.

7. Secretariat and work programme update

Committee Comment

1. Mana whenua would like to be included in any conversations on potential Regional Deals with the Crown, in whichever forum these are occurring.
2. The suggestion was made that consideration be given to the 10% proposed savings in operational budget being redirected to the programme delivery budget to help fund projects the partnership are keen to advance.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2024/00014

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives and notes** the Greater Christchurch Partnership secretariat and work programme update.
2. **Endorses** investigating further opportunities with the collective Urban Growth Partnerships to work together on common issues and to advocate collectively where it would be advantageous to do so.
3. **Notes** savings of 10% on the operational budget for the 2025/26 financial year.

Chair Craig Pauling/Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

Carried

Mayor Mauger left the meeting at 10.42 am during Item 8 and did not return.

8. Joint Housing Action Plan – Phase 1 Findings and Options

Committee Comment

1. Staff were thanked for the information provided to inform opportunities to support increased delivery of affordable housing.
2. There was general support for initiatives as presented.
3. It was noted that if inclusionary housing was to be advanced it would be need to be delivered simultaneously by all partner Councils.
4. There was interest from members in making land available at low or no cost for affordable housing kept in perpetuity.
5. Mana whenua are keen to see the work progress at a faster pace. Also that actions and policies support development of housing to support whānau to return home.
6. Important to discuss the findings and options at individual partner level to canvass which options partners are interested in pursuing or investigating further. Workshops have been booked with partner Councils in February 2025.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2024/00015

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives** and notes this report.

Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson/Councillor Nicole Reid

Carried

Election of a Chair

Committee Resolved GCPC/2024/00016

The Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee resolved that James Caygill be appointed Chairperson of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee for the consideration of Item 9.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Sam Broughton

Carried

James Caygill assumed the Chair for the consideration of Item 9.

9. Greater Christchurch Partnership Review

Committee Comment

1. Members of the Committee expressed their gratitude for the contribution that Jim Palmer has made to the Partnership over many years including as the Independent Chair.
2. Mana whenua expressed their preference for the Committee to retain an Independent Chair which has been their consistent position since being a partner of the Committee.
3. It was agreed that recommendations 2 and 3 be reconsidered at the next Committee meeting.
4. Members are supportive of a review to consider if the Partnership is fit for purpose to meet future needs and opportunities.

Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Agrees** to undertake a review of the form, function and focus of the Greater Christchurch Partnership to ensure it remains fit for purpose going forward.
2. **Agrees** to use voting system [A or B] in the election of an Interim Chair.
3. **Appoints** [insert name] to Chair the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee in the interim until the review is concluded, and the committee has considered the recommendations. Noting this is a temporary variation of the Memorandum of Agreement.
4. **Delegates** to the Chief Executives Advisory Group preparation of a draft Terms of Reference for the review of the form, function and focus of the Greater Christchurch Partnership and the appointment of a suitable, independent reviewer to conduct the review, with the Terms of Reference adopted by the Committee at its March 2025 meeting and inform recommendations to the Committee. The expectation is that the report will be received by the committee in the first half of 2025.
5. **Acknowledges** Jim Palmer for his contributions to the Greater Christchurch Partnership.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2024/00017

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Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Sam Broughton

Carried

Secretarial note: Recommendation 1, 2 and 3 were moved by Mayor Gordon and seconded by Mayor Broughton with recommendation 3 being put separately.

Karakia – Whakakapi Closing Incantation

Ka whakairia te tapu	Restrictions are moved aside
Kia watea ai te ara	So the pathway is clear
Kia tūruki whakataha ai	To return to everyday activities
Kia tūruki whakataha ai	
Hui e, tāiki e	Enriched, unified and blesses

Meeting concluded at 11.32 am.

CONFIRMED THIS 7th DAY OF March 2024

CHAIRPERSON