



Greater Christchurch Partnership

Te Tira Tū Tahī

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Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Friday 7 March 2025
Time: 9.03am
Venue: Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street, Christchurch

Present

Members

Jane Huria , Mana Whenua
Gail Gordon - Mana Whenua
Mayor Phil Mauer , 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)
Mayor Sam Broughton , Selwyn District Council
Councillor Lydia Gliddon , 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

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Karakia mō te Tīmatataka Opening Incantation

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the sea</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day</i>
Tīhei Mauri Ora	

Election of a Chair

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00001

The Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee resolved that Chair Craig Pauling be appointed Chairperson of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee for today's meeting.

Gail Gordon/Mayor Dan Gordon

Carried

Environment Canterbury Chair Craig Pauling assumed the Chair.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00002

That the apologies from Councillor Henstock, James Caygill and Dr Anna Stevenson for absence, and Jane Huria for a late arrival be accepted.

Mayor Phil Mauger/Mayor Sam Broughton

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

There were no deputations by appointment.

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

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00003

That the minutes of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee meeting held on Friday, 13 December 2024 be confirmed.

Councillor Niki Mealings/Councillor Grant Edge

Carried

5. Secretariat and Work Programme Update

Committee Comment

1. In reference to the government directions watching brief, changes to the Building Consent Authority could bring opportunity. It was noted that this is being discussed at the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. The Secretariat will stay connected.
2. Commencement of the blue-green strategy was queried, this was not prioritised by the Committee in this years' work programme so has not been progressed at this stage.
3. It was noted that the work programme doesn't include forward looking milestones which would be useful to see. Reporting to the Committee will change from the next meeting, in May, when the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Implementation Plan and annual report will be provided. This will include forward work programme including key actions and milestones.

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00004

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives and notes** the Greater Christchurch Partnership secretariat and work programme update.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Councillor Grant Edge

Carried

6. Mass Rapid Transit - Project Update

Committee Comment

1. The work of staff was acknowledged. It was noted that at a meeting with Minister Bishop last week there was a positive conversation around MRT. A priority is to make sure the corridors are protected.
2. Members are keen to progress this work at pace and provide support to Christchurch City Council who are leading this work. Funding may need to be brought forward to better resource the project.
3. It was noted the next Committee report is planned for the end of the year. The Mayors and Chair would like to continue to advocate for MRT with the Minister and so would like an

interim update that could support a further conversation. The timing for this update is to be confirmed.

Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receive** the update on the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project next steps
2. **Notes** that the initial focus of the MRT project development now being led by Christchurch City Council remains consistent with the Hornby to Belfast extents included in the MRT Indicative Business Case (MRT-IBC) and endorsed by the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti in May 2023 as the preferred option
3. **Endorses** the 2025-27 MRT work programme approach outlined in this report which proposes a focus, for this first stage of work, being on:
 - a. Route protection of the preferred MRT corridor endorsed in the Indicative Business Case
 - b. Alignment with related Greater Christchurch and Crown work programmes
 - c. Maintaining a national profile
4. **Notes** that the preferred option in the MRT-IBC includes proposed improvements to Waimakariri and Selwyn District (District) public transport connections and this alongside longer-term considerations will be included in the next stage of the detailed business case development programme.
5. **Notes** that consideration of how these future District public transport outcomes will be achieved, will require further actions and tasks to be outlined, timelines developed and a development pathway (including responsible agencies) to be agreed by the Partnership.
6. **Notes** that a subsequent progress update on the delivery of the MRT and wider Greater Christchurch Public Transport Improvements Programme is intended to be provided to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee in late 2025.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00005

Part C

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4. **Notes** that the preferred option in the MRT-IBC includes proposed improvements to Waimakariri and Selwyn District (District) public transport connections and this alongside longer-term considerations will be included in the next stage of the detailed business case development programme.
5. **Notes** that consideration of how these future District public transport outcomes will be achieved, will require further actions and tasks to be outlined, timelines developed and a development pathway (including responsible agencies) to be agreed by the Partnership.
6. **Notes** that a subsequent progress update on the delivery of the MRT and wider Greater Christchurch Public Transport Improvements Programme is intended to be provided to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee in late 2025.
7. **Requests** that staff prepare an update to support the Committee with their conversations with the Minister.

Mayor Phil Mauger/Councillor Sara Templeton

Carried

7. Greater Christchurch Transport Plan

Committee Comment

1. Mana whenua reiterated their position that Māori reserve land be must be protected through any transport implementation.
2. The impact of RMA Fast Track applications was queried. Staff noted it is too early to say yet. However, the impact of any decisions will be considered in terms of both the GC Transport and Spatial Plans to see if amendment required.
3. At this stage partners do not require individual briefings.

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00006

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receive** the Draft Greater Christchurch Transport Plan for review.
2. **Note** the next steps for the Greater Christchurch Transport Plan.
3. **Confirm** if further wider Partner Governance briefings are required.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Councillor Sara Templeton

Carried

Councillor Templeton left the meeting at 10.26 am during Item 8 and returned at 10.29 am during the same item.

8. Joint Housing Action Plan Partner Council Briefing Update

John Bartels, Strategic Projects Lead, Greater Christchurch Partnership tabled a presentation which he spoke to. Feedback was received that while some options were not favoured i.e.

inclusionary zone and targeted rates, everything should be progressed to the next stage to provide the detail required to inform decision making.

Attachments

- A Joint Housing Action Plan Partner Council Briefing Update 

9. Greater Christchurch Partnership Review

Committee Comment

1. Option 1 was supported by the Committee. However, the Committee would like to add in the key question from option 2 “What opportunities are there to enhance either the combined work of the GCP and CMF to advance Canterbury’s diverse interests?”
2. Chair Pauling was elected to the position of Interim Chair unopposed.

Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Approves** [Option 1 or 2] as the Terms of Reference for the Greater Christchurch Partnership Review (Attachment A).
2. **Agrees** to the appointment of an Interim Chair until the review is concluded, and the committee has considered the recommendations. Noting this is a temporary variation of the Memorandum of Agreement.
3. **Agrees** that if more than one nomination is received for the Interim Chair, to use voting system [A or B] in the election of an Interim Chair.
4. **Appoints** [insert name] to the role of Interim Chair the Greater Christchurch Partnership.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00007

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Approves** Option 1 as the Terms of Reference for the Greater Christchurch Partnership Review (Attachment A)
3. **Agrees** to the appointment of an Interim Chair until the review is concluded, and the committee has considered the recommendations. Noting this is a temporary variation of the Memorandum of Agreement.
4. **Appoints** Chair Craig Pauling to the role of Interim Chair the Greater Christchurch Partnership.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Mayor Dan Gordon

Carried

Karakia – Whakakapi Closing Incantation

Given by Chair Craig Pauling

Meeting concluded at 10.50 am.

CONFIRMED THIS 6th DAY OF MAY 2025