

# Ashburton District Council AGENDA

#### **Notice of Meeting:**

A meeting of the Ashburton District Council will be held on:

- Date: Wednesday 21 April 2021
- Time: 1.00pm
- Venue: Council Chamber

#### Membership

Mayor	Neil Brown
Deputy Mayor	Liz McMillan
Members	Leen Braam
	Carolyn Cameron
	John Falloon
	Rodger Letham
	Lynette Lovett
	Angus McKay
	Diane Rawlinson
	Stuart Wilson

Meeting Timetable		
Time	Item	
1pm	Meeting commences <b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> – Lindsay Bagrie, Boundary Road	
1.45pm	ECan Climate Change Campaign – Dr Fiona Shanhun and Tafflyn Bradford-James	
2.30pm	Ashburton Water Zone 2020 Progress Report – Bill Thomas (Chair)	
2.50pm	Welcome to new and long-serving staff	

#### 1 Apologies

#### 2 Extraordinary Business

#### 3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

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### 4. Council Minutes – 7 April 2021

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 April, commencing at 1.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

#### Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, John Falloon, Rodger Letham, Lynette Lovett (via Zoom), Angus McKay, Liz McMillan, Diane Rawlinson (via Zoom) and Stuart Wilson.

#### In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support Officer).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Emily Reed (Corporate Planner), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Brian Fauth (Roading Manager) and Rhys Roberts (Technical Support Officer – Roading).

#### **Presentations**

Public Forum – 1.05pm-1.13pm. ChristchurchNZ – 2.30pm-3.06pm.

#### 1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

#### 3 Declarations of Interest

*Item 21*: Cr Cameron declared an interest and gave notice she would withdraw from debate and decision.

#### **Public Forum**

Chris Redmond, Richard Sparrow and Bob McDonald spoke on behalf of the CBD businesses who are concerned about the disruption that the CBD upgrade is causing. They want to work with Council to address this to help maintain access to shops and essential services. They asked Council to consider meeting any extra costs to progress the upgrade and keep the streets open for business. They commented on the benefit of allowing one-way access with Stop/Go signs or traffic signals.

Complaints from customers about access and hazards are common and the Group believe that anything Council can do to mitigate the issue will be appreciated by business owners and the wider community.

In conclusion the Group encouraged Council to increase the project funding to enable work to be done as quickly as possible with minimal disruption now and in the future.

#### 4 Confirmation of Minutes – 17/03/21

Amended to record new and long serving staff introductions.

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 March 2021, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

#### 5 Audit & Risk Committee – 24/03/21

That the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 24 March 2021, be received.

Braam/McMillan Carried

#### 6 Methven Community Board

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 15 March 2021, be received.

McMillan/Letham Carried

#### 7 Youth Council

That the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 10 March 2021, be received.

Rawlinson/Lovett Carried

#### 8 Walking & Cycling Strategy

Council agreed to include reference to the current Ashburton bridge where opportunity will be provided for improved walking and cycling activities – medium priority, medium to long-term (objective 1.5 E). It was further agreed to raise the priority of the Racecourse Road shared pathway from low to high – medium term (objective 1.4 A).

The Roading Manager acknowledged comments about the shared footpath on Cass Street where concerns have been raised. He advised that the full impact of shared pedestrian / cycleways will be assessed when the upgrade of the CBD is completed. Vehicles will be encouraged to slow and one-way streets will be pedestrian focused. The CBD safety audit will also look at this.

Monitoring of the Strategy will be ongoing and projects will be brought to Council as they arise. The Strategy & Policy Manager advised that a reporting framework is being developed for all of Council's strategies and plans and this is expected to be available in June.

- 1. That Council adopts the Ashburton District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.
- 2. That Council delegates the Chief Executive the authority and responsibility to make minor editorial changes and correct minor errors to The Strategy document.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

#### 9 Environment Canterbury Draft Long-Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Council supported an alternative option and agreed to amend the submission to emphasise support for statutory work and priority commitments being progressed but through increased loan funding. The Mayor will present the submission at ECan's hearings in April/May.

#### That Council:

- 1.1 Receives the report.
- 1.2 Approves the amended submission to Environment Canterbury on the draft Long-Term Plan 2021-31.

Letham/Lovett

Carried

Carried

#### 10 Economic Development Quarterly Report to December 2020

That Council receives the Economic Development Quarterly update for December 2020.

McMillan/Rawlinson

#### **11** Review of District Promotion

- **1.** That Council agrees to enter into contract negotiations with Christchurch NZ, for the delivery of Ashburton district promotion, for a three year period; and
- 2. That KPI's are reviewed in the new contract to be more specific on deliverables and results.

McKay/Braam

Carried

Carried

#### 13 Ashburton Car Club Road Closure - Standing Quarter Mile Event

**That** Council permits the following roads to be closed from 9.00am Saturday 17 April 2021 until 4.00pm the same day to allow the Standing ¼ Mile event to be held:-

**Winslow Willowby Road**, from approximately 500 metres away from State Highway 1 to Longbeach Road.

Wilson/McMillan

#### 12 ChristchurchNZ Quarterly Report

ChChNZ Mid Canterbury Tourism Marketing Manager, Bruce Moffat presented the report.

- MBIE have changed reporting measures back to raw data –credit card transactional. Across the country, most tourism agencies will see a significant reduction of tourism spend of about 70%
- Approximately 28 establishments in the District have opted into the accommodation data programme which replaced Stats NZ data in November 2019.
- AirBnB data. This sector is growing (137 establishments in this district).
- Motorhome / rental car measures showing those coming into district. Not much detail on this yet will have more information in the next report. Some data shows where and when people are looking for accommodation.
- Tourism Industry Aotearoa has a product called Digit to measure what domestic travellers want to do in this district. Shows bushwalks, farmers markets, hot pools, local restaurants, hiking are typical in this district.
- Border announcement yesterday with Australia will see flights start on 19 April. Seeing surge today into the Auckland market particularly. Starting also to see good booking flow into Christchurch.
- ChChNZ is doing more work around the Australian market. Will show what people can do in the District that's not just related to skiing. Have a series of social media pages going into Australia (10 day campaign).
- ChChNZ has an events calendar and promotes this site. Bruce noted Council's concern that many of this district's events are not appearing and more work needs to be done on this.
- A series of meetings with businesses / operators around district will be held to look at branding. May get new identity / tagline / name out of that now that 'EMC' is gone.
- Mid Canterbury Tourism Advisory Group could include an ADC elected member and staff member. Will await ADC's decision.

That the report be received.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.06pm to 3.26pm.

#### 14 Financial Variance Report – February 2021

The Finance Manager will report back with more detail on fixed and floating loans, and will clarify the commercial property variance.

**That** the February 2021 financial variance report be received.

Cameron/Rawlinson Carried

#### 15 Standing Item on Council Agenda – Councillor reports

- 1. That Council approves the addition of a new standing item be added to the order of business on Council agendas called "Councillor Reports"; and
- **2.** That Councillors submit any reports or topics to be included under Councillor Reports to the Governance team by the report deadline as per the report deadline schedule in appendix one.

Cameron/McMillan Carried

#### 16 Mayor's Report

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#### • LGNZ Conference and Annual General Meeting

**That** the Mayor be authorised to have Council's proxy vote at the Local Government New Zealand annual general meeting 2021, and the Deputy Mayor be the alternate proxy.

Braam/Wilson

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Braam, Cr Cameron and the Chief Executive are this year's Conference delegates.

 That the Mayor's report be received.
 Mayor/Cameron
 Carried

 Councillor Reports
 That the report be received.
 Carried

 Mayor/McMillan
 Carried

#### Business transacted with the public excluded – 4.02pm

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

		reason for passing th	ccordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the son for passing this resolution in relation to each tter:	
18	Council 17/03/21 Covid-19 Economic Recovery Advisory Gr Library & Civic Centre	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities	
19	Audit & Risk Committee 24/03/21	Sections 7(2)(a) & (h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons & Commercial activities	
20	Award of Contract REFU0026 – Ashburton RRP storage bunker roof	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities	
21	Contract CON00080 – Ashburton town centre streetscapes renewal	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities	
22	Library & Civic Centre Construction Contract	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities	

McMillan/Braam

Carried

Carried

#### Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

#### Valuer-General Revaluation Audit

That Council receives the Valuer-General's audit report on Council's 2018 revaluation.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

#### • Library and Civic Centre Contract

**That** Council approves the signing of the contract with Naylor Love for the construction of the new Library and Civic Centre at the tender price of \$42,249,496.

**That** the Engineer to the Contract and Council's Chief Executive together be authorised to approve individual items of expenditure up to \$50,000 against the contingency, and any approval be reported back via the Project Control Group to Council.

**That** any request to utilise the contingency above \$50,000 for an individual item is considered by the Project Control Group for recommendation to Council for approval.

McMillan/Rawlinson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.26pm.

Confirmed 21 April 2021

MAYOR

#### Council

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### 5. Sealing Accessways

Author	Brian Fauth; Roading Manager
Activity manager	Brian Fauth; Roading Manager
General manager	Neil McCann; Infrastructure Services Group Manager

#### Summary

- The purpose of this report is to inform Council on the status of the sealing of accessways undertaken in conjunction with the annual sealed road resurfacing programme and determine whether Council wishes to continue to support this work.
- Since 2017 Council has offered to partially fund the reconstruction and sealing of accessways to properties whilst undertaking the annual sealed road resurfacing. Accessways off arterial, primary and secondary collector roads were funded by NZTA (51%), Council (24.5%) and property owner (24.5%) when agreed to by the property owner. Accessways off other roads have been equally funded by Council (50%) and Property Owners (50%).
- It is recommended that this method of undertaking this work continues.

#### Recommendation

1. That Council continues with the current method of sealing accessways, where Council shares the local cost component of reconstruction and sealing of vehicle accessways, when agreed by the property owner.

#### Background

#### The current situation

- In 2015 Council resolved that the sealing of accessways be undertaken as a minor works project in conjunction with the annual sealed road resurfacing program. Costs for this subsidised work to be borne by NZTA and the remainder equally between Council and property owner. Once completed ongoing maintenance would be a Council function. During the 2015/16 season Higgins completed 8,564m<sup>2</sup> of accessway construction costing approximately \$300,000.
- 2. During the 2016/17 season Fulton Hogan completed 12,454m<sup>2</sup> at a total cost of \$433,524.
- 3. In 2017 some owners questioned whether Council could impose sealing of existing unsealed accessways and legal opinion agreed with their interpretation. NZTA also questioned whether the work adhered strictly to their guidelines to qualify for subsidy. After discussion it was agreed that major accessways catering for large agriculture machinery and milk tankers would qualify if access was from an arterial, primary or secondary collector road as per the One Network Road Classification. Accessways from low volume roads would not be subsidised.
- 4. In July 2017 Council proposed that prior to undertaking this work agreement was to be obtained in writing from each affected property owner. The Council portion of costs for this work to be shared equally between Council and the Property Owner.
- 5. No accessways were constructed during the 2017/18 season as staff addressed the new methodology. With the new system in place:

Season	Area completed	Cost	Number
2018/19	5,342m <sup>2</sup>	\$185,955	85 from 159 (53%)
2019/20	1,517m <sup>2</sup>	\$87,969	18 from 41 (43%)
2020/21	1,535m <sup>2</sup>	\$53,444	21 from 58 (36%)

- 6. If going forward Council were to construct and seal all accessways it is estimated that around 10,000m<sup>2</sup> would need to be completed at a cost of \$350,000 per season.
- Remaining with the current methodology and assuming a 50% uptake then 5,000m<sup>2</sup> would be achieved with a total cost of \$175,000 with approximately \$43,500 carried by the property owners.
- An owner going privately for access construction of say 100m2, will be up for \$5,000 \$8,000 whereas under the Council programme their cost would be approximately \$870.

#### **Options analysis**

#### **Option one - Continue with current methodology**

9. This is the recommended option. It retains the status quo with each affected property given the choice to cost share on the basis of road frontage hierarchy. Some accessways will be missed but generally those on higher trafficked roads are being completed.

#### Option two - Council to cover full local share

10. Under this option all accessways will be sealed to property boundary ensuring safer usage of the carriageway for all users. This comes with a greater cost to Council and the possibility that those that have already had accesses completed objecting to it now being done for free and wanting a refund.

#### Legal/policy implications

11. There are no statutory implications

#### **Financial implications**

- 12. If Council accepts the recommendation then costs will be managed as per the LTP budgets.
- 13. If Option 2 is approved then Council's costs would either, reduce the overall length of resurfacing to match LTP budgeted figures, or the unsubsidised road projects would be reduced to cover the expected cost increase.

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Refer above
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes for current method. If Council is to cover cost then current budgets will need to cover this amount so work quantum will need to be reduced.
Where is the funding coming from?	Funding will be the normal mix of rates and subsidy
Are there any future budget implications?	Yes, as above
Reviewed by Finance	Rachel Sparks, Finance Manager

#### Significance and engagement assessment

- 14. Not significant as concerns individual property owners only who are given a choice.
- 15. If funded by Council then overall work is consulted within the LTP processes.

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low; not significant
Level of engagement selected	1. Inform – one way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	This is not considered to be a significant matter and affected properties are engaged with directly.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy Manager



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### 6. Naming of Road – Camrose Estate Subdivision – Stage 6

Author	Ian Hyde, District Planning Manager
Activity manager	Ian Hyde, District Planning Manager
Group manager	Jane Donaldson, Group Manager Strategy and Compliance

#### Summary

- The purpose of this report is to name two roads to vest in Council and the forthcoming vesting of the next stages of subdivision SUBA20/0012 relating to the Camrose Estate development. This application follows a previous naming decision in which the name "Memorial Crescent" within the estate was approved in July 2019. The subdivision plan which identifies the roads now proposed to be named are attached.
- The applicant has provided only one name option for each road and has acknowledged that they have not provided the three options expected in such an application. They have accepted responsibility for any delay arising from Council not accepting the names proposed.
- The names have been checked against the Council's adopted naming policy and the Australian/ New Zealand Addressing Standard and are compliant.

#### Recommendation

1. **That** the two roads to vest in Council as part of the development of the Camrose Estate subdivision, approved under Subdivision SUBA20/0012 and as identified on the attached site plan, shall be named Arrowsmith Drive and Burbank Place.

#### Attachment

Appendix 1 Site plan

#### Background

#### The current situation

- 1. The area in question forms part of the Camrose Estate subdivision development which is the subject of an outline development plan in the Ashburton District Plan and which is being implemented in stages.
- 2. The Council has previously approved a number of roads in this development, including the part of Memorial Crescent which intrudes into the currently unvested land (marked in yellow on the attached plan).
- 3. It is noted that the application does not provide three naming options for each of the roads as per the ADC road naming policy. The applicants are aware of this and have confirmed that they accept liability for costs or delays should the Council not accept a name for any reason.
- 4. The justifications for the proposed name proposed by the applicants are as follows:

<u>Road One</u> (the through road from Memorial Crescent comprising Lots 509, 510, 511 and 512 on the attached plan)

**Arrowsmith Drive**. We have chosen Arrowsmith as a name in recognition of the significance of the Arrowsmith Range and Mt Arrowsmith to the Ashburton District. Though there are three roads in the north Island with this name there are none in the South Island. One of the directors of Camrose (Philip Wareing) also owns Arrowsmith Station. The other (four) directors which includes myself considered this name in Philip's absence and thought it was a nice oblique reference to Philip's huge contribution to Mid Canterbury and Methven itself.

Road Two (the short cul-de-sac within Lot 511 on the attached plan)

**Burbank Place**. We have chosen Burbank as this is a type of potato that was extensively grown by Allan Lochhead on the farmland that now comprises Camrose Estates. Allan Lochhead and his wife Alma feature elsewhere in the subdivision in Allan Lochhead Green and Alma Place.

Note: Road 1 is emphasised in blue in the attached plan and Road 2 is emphasised in green.

5. It is considered that the nominated names demonstrate a suitable relationship to the District and its history as expected within the Council's naming policy.

#### **Options analysis**

#### **Option One - Do nothing**

• This is not a practical option as there is currently no adopted name for the roads proposed to be named.

#### **Option Two - Name the roads - (Preferred option)**

• It is recommended that the proposed names be adopted.

#### Legal/policy implications

#### Legislation (Statutes & Regulations)

- The Local Government Act 1974 <u>Clause 319(j)</u> which relates to the powers of councils in respect to roads and includes naming responsibilities.
- Accordingly, there are no statutory implications other than to inform LINZ and other affected stakeholders of the new name.

#### Council Strategies, Plans, Policies, Bylaws

• Ashburton District Council has adopted a policy on road naming, the relevant sections of this policy can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **Financial implications**

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Costs incurred will be paid through the allocated project budget.
Is there budget available in LTP/AP?	No budget required.
Where is the funding coming from?	The developer
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Finance Review Required?	No – there are no financial implications for Council.

## Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Level of engagemen <u>t</u> selected	Inform – 1-way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	Because the proposal does not require changes to existing addressing details for any neighbour or other party who might be affected, further engagement is not considered to be required.





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### 7. Naming of Road – Lake Hood Aquatic Park -Stage 14

Author	Ian Hyde, District Planning Manager
Activity manager	Ian Hyde, District Planning Manager
Group manager	Jane Donaldson, Group Manager Strategy and Compliance

#### Summary

- The purpose of this report is to name a road to vest in Council associated with Stage 14 of the Lake Hood Aquatic Park development and in particular subdivision application SUB20/0045. The application request and subdivision plan identifying the road are attached.
- The applicant provided only one name option for the road and has acknowledged that they have not provided the three options expected in such an application. They have accepted responsibility for any delay arising from Council not accepting the name.
- The name has been checked against the Council's adopted Naming Policy and the Australian/ New Zealand Addressing Standard and is compliant.

#### Recommendation

**1.** That Road 2 to vest in Council in Stage 14 of the Lake Hood Aquatic Park development, approved under Subdivision SUB20/0045, be named Kennedy Quay.

#### Attachment

Appendix 1 Application and site plan

#### Background

#### The current situation

- 1. The area in question forms part of the Lake Hood Aquatic Park development area which is the subject of an outline development plan in the Ashburton District Plan and which is being implemented in stages. The road is one of two peninsulas being formed as part of stage 14 of the development. The other road within the subdivision was named Bridgewater Quay in a previous application.
- 2. It is noted that the application does not provide three naming options as per the ADC road naming policy. The applicants are aware of this and have confirmed that they accept liability for costs or delays should the Council not accept the name for any reason.
- The justification for the proposed name "Kennedy Quay" is contained within Appendix
   1.
- 4. It is considered that the nominated name demonstrates a suitable relationship to the District and its history, as expected within the Council's naming policy given Mr Kennedy's association and involvement with the development of the Lake Hood Aquatic Park development.

### **Options analysis**

#### **Option One - Do nothing**

• This is not a practical option as there is currently no adopted name for the road proposed to be named.

#### **Option Two - Name the roads - (Preferred option)**

• It is recommended that the proposed name be adopted.

#### Legal/policy implications

#### Legislation (Statutes & Regulations)

- The Local Government Act 1974 <u>Clause 319(j)</u> which relates to the powers of Councils in respect to roads and includes naming responsibilities.
- Accordingly, there are no statutory implications other than to inform LINZ and other affected stakeholders of the new name.

#### Council Strategies, Plans, Policies, Bylaws

• Ashburton District Council has adopted a policy on road naming, the relevant sections of this policy can be found <u>here</u>.

### **Financial implications**

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Costs incurred will be paid through the allocated project budget.
Is there budget available in LTP/AP?	No budget required.
Where is the funding coming from?	The developer
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Finance Review Required?	No – there are no financial implications for Council.

### Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	Νο
Level of <u>significance</u>	Low
Level of <u>engagement</u> selected	Inform – 1-way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	Because the proposal does not require changes to existing addressing details for any neighbour or other party who might be affected, further engagement is not considered to be required.

#### Appendix 1: Application and site plans.

8 March 2021

Ref: 2121L.14

Subdivision Planning Officer Ashburton District Council P O Box 94 ASHBURTON 7740

Attention: Ms Laura Connor

Dear Laura



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#### Re: Proposed Road Name for Road Two Lake Hood Stage 14 - SUB20/0045

We hereby apply for road name approval for the Road Two of Stage 14 of the Lake Hood Development.

We have endeavoured to sort out a road name that has either (or both) local historical significance and or situational relevance to make the road names spatially more relevant and easier to understand.

We have searched for similar road names in the District but have not found any conflicts or similar names.

#### Road Two – Kennedy Quay

This name is related to Graham Kennedy who has been involved with the establishment of Lake Hood from the outset being one of the founders through the Ashburton Aquatic Park Charitable Trust and has been the most recent Chairman of the Lake Hood Extension Trust.

We have chosen Quay as the suffix as it reflects the environment where it is surrounded by water and where the properties will likely each have their own berthing structures plus retains the same suffix as the road it connects to being Bridgewater Quay.

Should you have any queries please contact me to discuss.

Yours faithfully

Carl Fox | Registered Professional Surveyor Fox & Associates Ltd

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### 8. Appointment of Recovery Manager

Author	Jane Donaldson, Group Manager Strategy & Compliance
Activity Manager	Jane Donaldson, Group Manager Strategy & Compliance
Manager	Hamish Riach, Chief Executive

#### Summary

• The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of a Local Recovery Manager for Civil Defence Emergency Management purposes.

#### Recommendation

1. That Council appoint Toni Durham as the Local Recovery Manager.

#### Background

- The recovery process and the role of the Recovery Manager is outlined in <u>section</u> <u>32</u> of the Guide to the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan.
- 2. The role of the Local Disaster Recovery Manager is to organise, coordinate and advance the recovery at the local level. During a state of local emergency, the Local Controller will work closely with the Local Recovery Manager to help ensure a smooth transition from the response phase to the recovery phase.
- 3. Recovery Managers have access to powers under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 during transition periods. Exercising these powers may be required to aid recovery, and include powers to require information and carry out works to make structures safe.
- 4. The attributes required for this role include strategic thinking and the ability to engage at the political level and the local level. Strong local knowledge and maintaining community networks are also important.

#### **Options analysis**

#### Option one - Appoint a Local Recovery Manager

5. Council does not currently have a Local Recovery Manager. Toni Durham has agreed to take up this role and has the right attributes to do it well.

#### Option two - Do no appoint a Local Recovery Manager

6. This option is not recommended because leaving this role unfilled is not in the best interests of the community in the event of a disaster.

### Legal/policy implications

 Section 32 of the Guide to the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan outlines the recovery process and the role of the Recovery Manager. Sections 30 and 30A of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 contain powers under which Recovery Managers operate.

### **Financial implications**

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	The only cost is training.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes. \$5,000 for tier 1 training in the current financial year and \$5,000 for tier 2 training in the 2021/22 financial year.
Where is the funding coming from?	Civil defence emergency management is funded from the general rate and UAGC.
Reviewed by Finance	Not required.

### Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Level of engagement selected	Inform, one way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	This is effectively an internal organisational matter and does not require engagement with the community. Once the CDEM Group final decision has been made then the community may be advised of the appointment.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mel Neumann; Policy Advisor

### Next steps

If Council approves the appointment, it will then be forwarded to CDEM Group for final approval.



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### 9. Regional Climate Change Engagement Campaign

Author	Ruben Garcia; Communications Manager	
	Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy manager	
GM Responsible	Paul Brake; Business Support Group Manager	

#### Summary

- The purpose of this report is to inform Council on a regional climate change engagement campaign launching in May, led by Environment Canterbury (ECan) in collaboration with Canterbury Councils.
- Approval is being sought for Ashburton District Council's involvement in this campaign.

#### Recommendation

- **1.** That Council agrees to participate as a partner in the regional climate change campaign, led by Environment Canterbury.
- **2. That** Council approves the use of the Ashburton District Council logo on the campaign website and social media channels.

#### Attachments

Appendix 1 (ECan) Councillor Briefing PaperAppendix 2 Canterbury Mayoral Forum Climate Change Steering Group February Presentation

### Background

#### **Previous Council decisions**

- 1. In 2019 Council adopted its first Climate Change Policy.
- 2. The goals of this policy are to:
  - strive to understand climate change and what it means for the Ashburton District now and in the future, and create opportunities to share that knowledge with the wider community.
  - Council will respond to climate change in ways that:
  - a) Ensure the sustainability of Council assets and services for the present and future wellbeing of the Ashburton District; and
  - *b)* Enhance the resilience and preparedness of Ashburton households and businesses in the present and for the future; and
  - c) Reduce carbon emissions from its own activities.

#### The current situation

- 3. The Canterbury Regional Climate Change Working Group (under the Mayoral Forum) was tasked with recommending the best way to advise communities of regional and territorial authorities climate change work within Canterbury and agreed this would be through a collective approach. Council's representative on this working group is the Senior Policy Advisor from the Strategy and Policy team.
- 4. Environment Canterbury is undertaking this work and funding in FY20/21 to engage with the community about climate change.
- 5. Environment Canterbury staff have been working with city and district council staff, building the campaign website's content. To date this has included the Communications Manager and the Strategy & Policy Manager.
- 6. Campaign and website content is being developed from technical information , including:
  - • NIWA climate change projections for the Canterbury region
  - Canterbury climate change risk screening report commissioned for the Mayoral Forum
  - • Ministry for the Environment 'Our Atmosphere and Climate' report
  - • Ngāi Tahu climate change strategy
  - • Local information from Ngāi Tahu and Territorial Authorities
- 7. A regional campaign will be the first phase, including overarching/regionwide messaging and the first stage of the website.

- 8. Phase two will see the campaign used locally by territorial authorities when communicating climate change information and further development of the website to include more detailed local material and a wide range of audience perspectives.
- 9. The Regional Climate Change Working Group viewed the campaign plans in December 2020 and supported its progression.
- 10. In February, the campaign was presented to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum Climate Change Steering Group with a favourable response. Councillors Cameron and McMillan were in attendance at this workshop.
- 11. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum recently submitted to the Climate Change Commission noting the soon-to-be launched campaign that is the focus of this report.

#### **Concept development**

- 12. The concept '*It's time, Canterbury. Our climate change conversation*' gets to the heart of what the campaign needs to achieve. It invites the audience to learn something while at the same time asking very little in return.
- 13. The campaign concept 'It's time, Canterbury' will be used by the different partners in different ways. For example, 'It's time, Ashburton' or 'It's time to talk about coastal erosion, Washdyke'.
- 14. The brand was developed to have enough urgency and seriousness without being 'scary'. It is also politically neutral and non-polarising.
- 15. The campaign has two objectives under the umbrella of building community resilience to climate change:
  - Encourage a better understanding of the effects, threats and opportunities of climate change in Canterbury; and
  - Encourage individuals to stay informed and active in our Canterbury climate change conversation
  - Achieved through encouraging an action of signing up to learn more as the conversation continues and engaging in relevant consultations.
  - Email newsletter to communicate to those that sign up.

### **Options analysis**

#### Option 1 - Confirm Council involvement in the Canterbury Climate Change Campaign

16. This is the officers preferred option and will enable our participation in *the It's time, Canterbury* climate change campaign designed to build climate change resilience in Canterbury.

#### Advantages

- Enable Council to leverage of the work of ECan regarding climate change
- Helps Council to meet a goal of its Climate Change Policy 2019, specifically to create opportunities to share that knowledge with the wider community.
- Delivers on the Regional Climate Change Working Group's task to recommend the best way to advise communities in Canterbury of local authorities work in the climate change field.

#### Disadvantages

• Council may be reluctant to have the regional council lead the conversation around climate change, however, work to date has been collaborative and inclusive and there is no reason to expect this not to continue in the future.

#### Risks

• The scientific data and research underpinning the campaign is not robust. Officers can confirm that the evidence-base used for the campaign is the same which Council has used for its Climate Change Policy and Significant Forecasting Assumptions for the draft Long-Term Plan 2021-31.

#### Option 2 – Do not support Council involvement in the Canterbury Climate Change Campaign

17. This is not the recommended option and would mean that Council was not a partner in this campaign.

#### Advantages

• Council would be able to create its own climate change messaging and campaign

#### Disadvantages

- Council does not have resource (in terms of time or funding) allocated for a climate change campaign in the current financial year or in the draft LTP 2021-31.
- Missed opportunity to leverage off a regional collaborative effort

#### Risks

• There may be reputational risk to Council for not participating in the campaign given that it has been discussed on multiple levels via the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

### Legal/policy implications

18. Council has an existing Climate Change Policy, adopted in 2019. The recommended option in this report will enable Council to progress a key goal of this policy, as discussed in point 2 of this report.

### **Financial implications**

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	There is no cost to Council. The campaign is funded by Environment Canterbury. Much of the advertising campaign for a regional launch has been provided free of charge by advertising partners. We are not expected to contribute financially; however support at a local level will enable extension of the campaign reach and connection with opportunities like district plan changes, consultations, and community engagement events.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Council will be able to support the campaign locally from within existing Communications budgets.
Where is the funding coming from?	Provision has been made within Environment Canterbury's draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan for annual funding to continue this climate change conversation campaign region wide. Residents in our district will be paying for this through their ECan rates.
Are there any future budget implications?	Νο
Finance review required?	No

### Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low, not significant
Level of <i>engagement</i> selected	Inform – one way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The community will be informed of the campaign once it is launched in due course.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy Manager

Date of briefing	March 2021
Portfolio	Climate change, Hazards, Risk and Resilience
Environment Canterbury Director	Tim Davie, Tafflyn Bradford-James

### **Councillor briefing paper**

#### Purpose

1. To provide an update about the regional climate change engagement campaign launching this May, led by Environment Canterbury in collaboration with Canterbury's city and district councils.

#### Value proposition

2. Sharing Councils' understanding of the effects of climate change is key to supporting our communities to become more risk literate and resilient to climate change.

#### Guidance sought

3. **Note** the information about the campaign, its communication of the science available, and its strategy to share regional and local information in the Canterbury context.

#### **Key points**

- 4. Environment Canterbury's Council set aside funding in FY20/21 to engage with the community about climate change.
- 5. The Regional Climate Change Working Group (under the Mayoral Forum) was tasked with recommending the best way to advise communities of regional and territorial authorities' climate change work within Canterbury, and a collective approach was agreed.
- 6. As a collective voice, we will play an important role in Canterbury's journey to build climate change preparedness and can engage our communities to learn more about the risks and impacts of climate change.
- 7. Environment Canterbury staff have been working with city and district council staff, building the content for the campaign website.
- 8. We've also started conversations with rūnanga, and are working through how to capture rūnanga views to ensure the content represents mana whenua views, and to make sure we provide messaging from our latest science that is relevant to Ngāi Tahu.

- 9. Campaign and website content is being developed from technical information held by Environment Canterbury. Territorial authorities have been asked to contribute specific, locally relevant information.
- 10. The core concept is: *It's time, Canterbury*, with a byline of '*Our climate change conversation'*. The campaign itself is the 'conversation'; the website content will go much further, collating adaption and some mitigation information.
- 11. A regional campaign will be the first phase, including overarching/regionwide messaging and the first stage of the website.
- 12. Phase two will see the campaign used locally by territorial authorities when communicating climate change information, and further development of the website to include more detailed local material and a wide range of audience perspectives.
- 13. Significant effort is going into stakeholder engagement, given the implications of the information being communicated. The intention is a 'no surprises' approach for stakeholders.
- 14. The Regional Climate Change Working Group viewed the campaign plans in December, and supported its progression.
- 15. The campaign was then presented to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum Climate Change Steering Group in February, with a favourable response.
- 16. Official approval has been sought for your council's involvement in the campaign.

#### **Concept development**

- 17. The concept '*It's time, Canterbury. Our climate change conversation*' gets to the heart of what the campaign needs to achieve. It invites the audience to learn something while at the same time asking very little in return.
- 18. The campaign concept 'It's time, Canterbury' will be used by the different partners in different ways. For example, 'It's time, Waitaha', 'It's time, Timaru' or 'It's time to talk about coastal erosion, Washdyke'.
- 19. The brand was developed to have enough urgency and seriousness without being 'scary'. It is also politically neutral and non-polarising.
- 20. The campaign has two objectives under the umbrella of building community resilience to climate change:
- Encourage a better understanding of the effects, threats and opportunities of climate change in Canterbury; and
- Encourage individuals to stay informed and active in our Canterbury climate change conversation

- Achieved through encouraging an action of signing up to learn more as the conversation continues and engaging in relevant consultations.
- $\circ$   $\;$  Email newsletter to communicate to those that sign up.
- 21. The content is being developed from the following scientific reports and sources:
  - NIWA climate change projections for the Canterbury region
  - Canterbury climate change risk screening report commissioned for the Mayoral Forum
  - Ministry for the Environment 'Our Atmosphere and Climate' report
  - Ngāi Tahu climate change strategy
  - Local information from Ngāi Tahu and Territorial Authorities.

#### **Financial implications**

- 22. The campaign is funded by Environment Canterbury. Much of the advertising campaign for a regional launch has been provided free of charge by advertising partners.
- 23. Provision has been made within Environment Canterbury's draft 2021-31 Long-Term Plan for annual funding to continue this climate change conversation campaign regionwide.
- 24. City and District Councils are not expected to contribute financially; however support at a local level will enable extension of the campaign reach and connection with opportunities like district plan changes, consultations, and community engagement events.

#### **Risk assessment and legal compliance**

- 25. Uncertainty exists as to the scale and timing of climate change impacts. The campaign will clearly state that there are uncertainties we don't know which future will emerge.
- 26. The campaign development will rely on robust data, sources of information will be clearly identified, and scientific information clearly differentiated from anecdotal.

#### Significance and engagement

- 27. The intention is to work with rūnanga, and we are working through how to capture rūnanga views to ensure the content represents mana whenua views, and to make sure we provide messaging from our latest science that is relevant to Ngāi Tahu. This will be included in phase one and developed further for phase two.
- 28. Environment Canterbury has a wide range of partners and stakeholders who will be informed of the campaign before it launches.

- 29. The draft campaign has been peer reviewed and is supported by:
  - Dr Jagadish Thacker, a climate change communications expert and senior lecturer at Massey University,
  - Environment Canterbury's Youth Ropū, in regards to communicating with youth, and
  - Waka Toa Ora (a Canterbury DHB-led inter-sectoral collaborative partnership, to which Environment Canterbury is a signatory) in regards to setting the appropriate content tone to avoid causing undue anxiety.

#### **Next steps**

30. Roll out of the campaign to the public is expected in mid-May 2021.

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#### **Creative concepts**





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25 March 2021

Climate Change Commission PO Box 24448 Wellington 6142

### Canterbury Mayoral Forum Submission to the Climate Change Commission's draft advice package to the Government

- 1. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF) thanks the Climate Change Commission for the opportunity to submit on the Commission's draft advice package to the Government.
- 2. The Mayoral Forum would also like to sincerely thank Dr Carr for making himself available to meet with the Mayoral Forum in June 2020, and at a workshop we hosted for councillors across Canterbury in February 2021. On both occasions, these were very informative and valuable discussions about the work of the Commission and the many and varied challenges inherent in managing and responding to climate change issues in New Zealand.
- 3. In this submission the CMF has provided comment on each of the Commission's consultation questions.

#### **Background and context**

4. The CMF comprises the Mayors of the ten territorial local authorities in Canterbury and the Chair of the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury), supported by our Chief Executives. The purpose of the Forum is to promote collaboration across the region and increase the effectiveness of local government in meeting the needs of Canterbury's communities.

#### Mayors standing together for Canterbury.

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- 5. All Canterbury councils actively participate in the Forum: the Kaikōura, Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Mackenzie, Waimate and Waitaki District Councils, the Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury).
- 6. The following submission has been developed with input from across Canterbury councils. Our submission focuses on matters of general agreement between the members of the CMF.
- 7. We note that Environment Canterbury, the Christchurch City Council, and the Waimakariri District Council are also making individual submissions. The CMF supports these submissions.

#### Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury

- 8. The CMF published the *Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury* in September 2020, which sets out the CMF's five key priorities in this local government term.
- 9. One of the key priorities is climate change mitigation and adaptation. Our work in this area focuses on reducing our carbon footprint, building community resilience and making our infrastructure as strong as it can be.
- 10. As part of this, in 2019 the Mayoral Forum established a Climate Change Steering Group, which maintains a watching brief on climate change matters for the Mayoral Forum, and provides political support for and oversight of the important work of the regional climate change working group.

#### **Comment on consultation questions**

11. Comments are provided on the set of consultation questions below, using the relevant chapter headings from the draft advice package.

#### **Proposed Emissions Budgets**

#### Are the 7 principles used to guide the advice supported?

12. Yes. The CMF considers the principles set out on pages 29 and 30 are sensible and are supported.

#### Are the first 3 emissions budgets supported (271, 286, and 223 Mt CO2e respectively)?

13. Yes. The CMF supports no less than the net and annual average budgets to 2035 as set out in the table on page 31. We note that the Christchurch City Council will advocate for stronger targets in its submission.

# *Is the breakdown between gross long-lived gasses, biogenic methane, and sequestration supported?*

14. Yes, although the CMF understands that converting biogenic methane emissions to CO2 equivalents does not adequately account for the different properties of these very different gasses, notwithstanding that CO2 equivalents are used internationally.

#### Should the offshore mitigation be zero for the first 3 budgets?

15. Yes. The CMF considers the first 3 emissions budgets should focus on domestic emissions.

#### Should there be cross-party support for emissions budgets?

16. Yes. The CMF notes this was a strong recommendation from both the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, and the Productivity Commission.

#### Should a climate change appropriation be established?

17. Yes. Coordinated efforts across government to address climate change is supported. Establishing an appropriation vote for climate change by 31 March 2022 is strongly supported by the CMF and Canterbury councils.

#### Are genuine and enduring partnerships with iwi supported?

- 18. Yes. Canterbury councils and local rūnanga invest considerable time and effort in building and maintaining genuine and enduring partnerships and look forward to deepening the partnership in tackling emissions reductions.
- 19. The Mayoral Forum and the Chairs of the ten Canterbury Papatipu Rūnanga have also begun building a closer relationship to work together for the greater wellbeing of Canterbury's people and land.

#### Are genuine and enduring partnerships with local government supported?

- 20. The CMF supports the alignment of legislation and policy to enable local government to make effective decisions for climate change mitigation and adaption, including the Local Government Act, the Building Act and Code, national direction under the Resource Management Act (RMA), Land Transport Act and proposed RMA reforms.
- 21. The progress indicators, to have Central Government outline progress on partnerships with local government by 30 June 2022, are supported, as is the work plan outlining how alignment, milestones and funding will be addressed by 31 December 2022.

#### Are the processes to incorporate views of all New Zealanders supported?

- 22. Yes. The CMF particularly supports the idea of an ongoing public forum for climate change to bring forward the views and perspectives of all New Zealanders.
- 23. The Mayoral Forum notes that Environment Canterbury will soon be launching a region-wide climate change engagement campaign. The campaign's purpose is to encourage a better understanding of the effects of climate change in Canterbury and engage people across the region to be a part of the climate change conversation.
- 24. Members of our Climate Change Steering Group, and councillors from across the region with an interest in climate change, received a presentation in February on how the campaign was developing. The group was impressed with the collaborative approach taken, as Environment Canterbury has been working with each of the Canterbury councils and Ngāi Tahu to develop it.

- 25. While Environment Canterbury is leading the campaign development, producing the regional content and managing the advertising campaign, Canterbury councils will be supporting this with local content and knowledge, and managing the campaign in their local areas so it is appropriate for their audiences, including connecting with opportunities like district plan changes, consultations, and community engagement events.
- 26. The Mayoral Forum suggests all councils should consider utilising this model for similar engagement in their regions.

#### The Path to 2035

#### Is the focus on decarbonising sources of long-lived gasses supported?

27. Yes. The CMF notes the pathway over the last 20 years has not put this country on the right track, and to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, the focus on decarbonising long-lived gasses is supported.

#### Is the focus on new native forests for sequestration supported?

28. Yes. Growing new native forests to create a long-lived source of carbon removal is supported.

#### Is the overall path to meet the first 3 budgets supported?

- 29. Yes. The CMF considers the tailwinds scenario is achievable and worth aiming for. Table 3.1 on page 55 of the consultation document sets out the key transitions across the first 3 emissions budgets in a range of key industries which are realistic and achievable.
- 30. However, it should be made clearer to the community that the proposal to eliminate the use of natural gas for electricity generation, and no new natural gas connections after 2025, does not mean that LPG cannot be used for household and industrial cooking purposes.
- 31. We also note that the transport path needs to integrate land use and urban form.

#### The Impacts of Emissions Budgets on New Zealanders

#### Is the equitable, inclusive and well-planned climate transition supported?

- 32. Yes. The CMF agrees with the statement that the transition must reduce emissions with pace while allowing the country to continue to grow so that future generations inherit a thriving, climate-resilient and low emissions economy.
- 33. With the closure of the Tiwai Point Aluminium Smelter, there needs to be greater certainty that the savings in wholesale electricity prices will be passed on to domestic electricity users, particularly with no new natural gas connections beyond 2025. A more inclusive approach working with communities, and a more holistic view of costs and benefits across government, is suggested. There are currently barriers to an equitable transition with the lack of integration between transport networks and urban form.

#### Is the package of actions for the transport sector supported?

34. The CMF does not entirely support this. Although there is some discussion on page 85 about the needs of rural communities, the CMF considers that the package of actions for transition in

the transport sector does not sufficiently allow for differences in rural New Zealand and the need for specific support to enable the transition in rural settings.

35. We note that a one-size-fits-all approach does not account for rural and remote communities and on the other hand, the appetite for mode-shift in transport options is significant in urban communities. Public transport is almost exclusively an urban solution.

#### **Direction of Policy in the Emissions Reduction Plan**

#### Is the package of actions for the heat, industry and power sectors supported?

- 36. The CMF's support for these actions depends on continuing to decarbonise the energy system. Retaining the national gas pipeline infrastructure would seem to be a sensible option for low-emissions gases to maintain resilience in the system and until cleaner, renewable options come on to the network.
- 37. Setting a target of 60% renewable energy by 2035 would signal the required emissions reductions across the full energy system.
- 38. Improving energy efficiency standards for all buildings is supported, provided that this is effected through major amendments to the Building Code. The CMF supports any measures to raise the energy efficiency of buildings.
- 39. However, we consider that more work needs to be done to understand emissions from wastewater treatment and the options to reduce these.

#### Is the package of actions for the agriculture sector supported?

- 40. No. The view of the CMF is that the package of actions for the agriculture sector are too general, and boil down to platitudes about improving on-farm efficiency, development of new technologies, and creating options for alternative farming practices.
- 41. A more concrete and realistic pathway is required to assist the agriculture sector, if it is to achieve biogenic methane reductions of 10% below 2017 levels by 2030, and between 24% and 47% reductions by 2050.

#### Is the package of actions for the forestry sector supported?

- 42. Yes. The CMF particularly supports the observation that although native forests sequester at slower rates than exotic planted forests, permanent native forests continue to remove carbon for hundreds of years.
- 43. The estimated 1.1 million to 1.4 million hectares of erosion prone land would be ideal for conversion to permanent native forests, not only providing an ongoing carbon sink, but also contributing to the arrest of biodiversity decline, and a huge investment in inter-generational heritage, if accompanied by legal protection for its conservation once established.
- 44. The CMF would like to take this opportunity to caution against incentivising exotic forestry at a scale that is not in the long-term interests of New Zealand. We are particularly keen that climate change initiatives incentivise afforestation that complements the freshwater and biodiversity outcomes that New Zealand is seeking to achieve.

- 45. There needs to be increased consideration of how forestry impacts water/flow sensitive catchments, and whether local authorities are well placed to protect biodiversity values on scrubland (a term often used that diminishes the importance of the ecological values of dryland, alpine and coastal habitats) in the face of significant economic drivers to clear this land for plantation forestry. There remains considerable risk that climate mitigation objectives incentivise large-scale exotic afforestation, and it's not clear the extent to which this would be in New Zealand's long-term interests from an environmental, economic and rural community perspective.
- 46. Given that unanticipated impacts from current carbon farm forestry plantation activities are likely to increase in some parts of Canterbury over the next few years, ensuring that mitigation options are available to councils to deal with any potential negative impacts is important for the protection of our communities and environment.
- 47. The current consultation on additional proposed amendments to the Climate Change (Forestry Sector) Regulations 2008 are noted.

#### Is the package of actions for the waste sector supported?

- 48. Yes. The CMF considers reducing waste emissions through resource recovery from the waste levy revenue, and extending product stewardship schemes, is sensible.
- 49. A greater emphasis needs to be placed on reducing waste from households and through product stewardship in the first place, rather than the focus on end of life emissions.

#### Is the package of actions to create a multisector strategy supported?

50. The CMF supports this in principle. However, we note that behavioural change is rarely brought about solely by government programmes. The measures to drive low emissions choices through the ETS are supported, although it is acknowledged that the ETS alone is not the panacea.

#### **Rules for Measuring Progress**

#### Are the rules for measuring progress towards emissions budgets supported?

51. Yes. The CMF supports the Budget Recommendation 5 on page 144.

#### The Nationally Determined Contribution

#### Is the assessment of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) supported?

52. Yes. The CMF supports the NDC assessment and recommendations.

#### Is the form of the NDC, based on IPCC's fifth assessment report, supported?

53. The CMF does not support this. Option 2 on page 161 is the preferred format to incorporate all gas with the split gas domestic target incorporated into the headline target. This better reflects the domestic reality under the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019 and leverages more international legitimacy for split gas targets.

#### Are the recommendations on reporting and meeting the NDC supported?

54. Yes. The CMF considers clear communication for purchasing offshore mitigation post 2035 is vital.

#### **Eventual Reductions in Biogenic Methane**

#### Is the assessment of possible biogenic methane reductions by 2021 supported?

55. The CMF does not support this. We note the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019 has methane targets for 2030 and 2050. We therefore consider the biogenic methane reductions in 2100 are too speculative.

#### Conclusion

- 56. Thank you once again for the opportunity to make a submission on the Climate Change Commission's draft advice package to the Government.
- 57. Our Secretariat is available to provide any further information or answer any questions the Commission has about our submission. Contact details are: Maree McNeilly, Canterbury Mayoral Forum Secretariat, <u>secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz</u>, 027 381 8924.

Ngā mihi

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Sam Broughton Mayor, Selwyn District Council Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum



21 April 2021

# 10. Transwaste Dividend Update

Author	Paul Brake; Group manager Business Support
GM Responsible	Hamish Riach; Chief Executive

## Summary

• The purpose of this report is to update the Council on Transwaste dividends for the year ended 30 June 2021.

#### Recommendation

1. That Council receives the Transwaste dividends report.

### Background

- 1. Council holds 600,000 shares in Transwaste Canterbury Ltd( total shares being 20,000,000).
- 2. Transwaste Canterbury Ltd owns Tiromoana Station Ltd, which owns the land at Kate Valley and the landfill site, and the Burwood Resource Recovery Park (BRRP), which was set up to receive and process demolition material from the Christchurch earthquakes.
- 3. Council has budgeted \$920,000 of total dividends in the 2020/21 year, of which \$500,000 was budgeted from Transwaste Canterbury Ltd and \$420,000 from Ashburton Contracting Limited.
- 4. The Ashburton Contracting Limited dividend in this year will be \$200,000 due to no final dividend for the year ended 2019/20.
- 5. Transwaste dividends received to date have been a \$213,000 final dividend from the 2019/20 year, an interim dividend of \$150,000 received in February 2021, and a further \$150,000 special dividend from the operation of the Burwood Resource Recovery Park. This totals \$513,000 against the budget of \$500,000.
- 6. The Transwaste board intends to consider an additional dividend before 30 June 2021 as the project's final costs become clearer and the project is completed. It is unclear how much that final dividend will be.

#### **Options analysis**

#### **Option 1 – Receive the Report**

7. There are no options other than to receive the report, which is for information only.

## Legal/policy implications

8. There are no legal /policy implications as a result of receiving this report.

#### **Financial implications**

9. Dividends from Transwaste Canterbury Ltd year are \$513,000 for the year and exceed the budgeted amount of \$500,000.

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Not applicable
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Although total dividends will be below budget, the Transwaste Canterbury Ltd dividends exceed the Transwaste dividend budget.
Where is the funding coming from?	Not applicable
Are there any future budget implications?	Total dividend income will be below budget for the 2020/21 year.
Finance review required?	No

# Significance and engagement assessment

10. The report is for information only. There are no significance and engagement issues.

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Level of <i>engagement</i> selected	Inform –One-way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The report is information only.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham: Strategy and Policy Manager

#### Ashburton Water Zone Committee

# **2020 Progress Report**

# Chair column



William Thomas, Ashburton Water zone committee Chair

2020 has been a challenging year for us all, with changing rules, elections, and above all else, the disruption that Covid-19 has brought. But it's a reminder of the importance of looking out for one another, and taking care of physical and mental health.

I'm proud that the Ashburton Water zone committee was still able to achieve many of our goals this year. We successfully held a virtual meeting during lockdown, and in spring explored how landowners are protecting some of the region's remaining wetlands. Thanks to Angela Cushnie and NZ Landcare Trust for organising the latter.

We also spent some time planning the committee's future work. Advances are being made on the Hakatere / Ashburton River, with protection for wildlife at the rivermouth, and the consent review is progressing. Next year we will be working with the community on two new priority waterways – Wakanui stream and Carters Creek. These two waterways pass through urban and rural areas, and have water quality issues associated with both town and country.

Next year we will be refreshing our zone committee membership, and we are keen for passionate individuals who care about freshwater in the Ashburton region to join. Get in contact if you know someone who may be interested.

Finally, as this year ends, we say farewell to two "retiring" committee members: Karl Russell (who represents Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua on the committee) and John Waugh. John and Karl both have a wealth of knowledge and passion for the people and waterways of our region, and we're grateful for their dedication.

# Key achievements 2020

- Recreation and conservation groups worked alongside councils towards the development of the Hakatere/Ashburton River mouth. Fencing was installed to protect an area in which 400 seedlings were planted, a new walkway was created, a 4WD route leads around the protected area and predator traps are being monitored to protect birds nesting around the site.
- The zone committee was delighted to support the Carters Creek Enhancement Committee's action plan to restore the creek to a pristine waterway. This action plan involves identifying the key sources of pollution and actions to mitigate them through fencing, stock exclusion and planting, as well as flood and stormwater management.
- The zone committee supported the Ashburton River consent review process and affected consent holders, providing feedback and guidance to the Environment Canterbury project team. Important progress made towards this key outcome, with half the consent reviews now granted.
- The Hekeao/Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Project increased the number of active recharge sites from 12 to 17 and increased annual recharge volume from 6.15 million cubic meters to 11.1 million cubic metres. Monitoring shows that groundwater influenced by the pilot site remains low in nitrate-nitrogen concentrations (1-3 parts per million) and groundwater levels remain sustainably high, while the Near River Recharge site has significantly increased flow length in the Hekeao/Hinds River.

New signage installed together with fencing at Ashton Beach this year gives visitors an idea of the amazing biodiversity found at the site.



# Delivering the community's vision for freshwater

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) puts finding solutions for freshwater management in the hands of the community, with support from councils, Ngāi Tahu, and others. The strategy sets out freshwater goals and targets to deliver the community's vision for freshwater.

"To gain the greatest cultural, economic, environmental, recreational and social benefits from our water resources within a sustainable framework both now and for future generations." Each of the ten community-led water zone committees work collaboratively to develop freshwater recommendations to ensure council plans give effect to these goals and targets.

Within each target area there are several specific time-bound targets to be achieved and these are monitored and reported on to ensure progress is being made.

The target areas are shown below - read some of the stories about what is being done in the zone to achieve deliver on these on the next page.



## Extraordinary year provides a chance to pause and reflect

2020 has been an extraordinary year in more ways than one.

This time last year we had not heard of Covid-19 or the exceptional lengths governments from around the world would take to slow its spread. Keeping any group working productively together in such circumstances can be a challenge but each committee has embraced new technology to communicate, adapted their work programmes and continued their commitment to improve water management in their zone. The committee's year in review report highlights their achievements in what has been a challenging year.

2020 has provided an opportunity to pause and reflect on the achievements of the last ten years of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and in particular the progress that had been made to put a Resource Management Act planning framework in place (Land and Water Regional Plan). A plan, however, is only as good as the actions that follow. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum asked councils to work in partnership with Rūnanga and committees to refocus their work more on facilitating action on the ground with their local communities. This review of the zone committees has taken longer than expected, because of Covid disruptions, but we expect to have a new Terms of Reference completed by the end of the year. Councils have also taken the opportunity to clarify their three year priorities, and where they would like support from committees, in a Letter of Shared Priorities.

The next few years is going to continue to be challenging for many local communities as they grapple with the implementation of the new National Policy Statement for Freshwater and National Environmental Standards. Furthermore, the government has announced its intention to repeal the Resource Management Act and Ngai Tahu has sought a declaration in the High Court seeking Rangatiratanga over freshwater in its rohe. These changes will be unsettling and uncomfortable for many local communities.

The new Terms of Reference and Letter of Shared Priorities will give committees a clear focus for future action and an ability to support their local communities to navigate this next wave of change designed to further improve the mauri and health of our freshwater and the way it is managed.

Ashburton zone committee members and other guests join landowner Angus McKenzie at a coastal wetland on his Lowcliffe farm.



# A rocky ride for freshwater species

Fish in the lower reaches of the Hekeao / Hinds River now have a more stimulating environment - thanks to some big rocks.

A cluster of huge boulders have been installed in the riverbed near Longbeach. The boulders were placed in the river as part of a pilot programme that aims to improve diversity in river conditions – and create better habitats for a range of species.

The operation was supported by the Ashburton Water zone committee and funded by Fonterra.

Immediately downstream of the new boulders in the Hekeao, deeper and slower-flowing water forms a pool, perfect habitat for trout. Towards the north bank, the water flows faster over a shallow channel, known as a riffle. Other sections of river nearby form runs – smooth, steady flowing sections of river.

Together, the diversity of water flows forms a habitat for a greater range of species.



Volunteers from Forest & Bird set predator traps near the Hakatere Ashburton river mouth

# Funding gives a boost to key dryland species

A remnant of the Ashburton region's natural shrubland will continue to thrive, with help from Immediate Steps (IMS) funding recommended by the Ashburton Water zone committee.

Funding is being used to meet the cost of managing the reserve over five years, and will pay for weed control, mowing and repairs carried out by a caretaker. This will be boosted by an additional 400 hours of planting and site management carried out annually by volunteers.

The alluvial plains of the Ashburton region, too dry for large trees to grow, were once dominated by kānuka and other dryland species. Now only tiny pockets of kānuka remain where once they covered a quarter of a million hectares.

Invasive grass species can spread from nearby farmland if the site is not maintained, so this IMS funding will help preserve the best remaining such site close to Ashburton.

#### **2020 Progress Report**



Rocks installed in the lower Hekeao / Hinds river create a better environment for freshwater fish.

# Fences and planting protect wildlife hotspot

The zone committee was pleased with progress at one of the region's most important biodiversity hotspots this year, as the Hakatere Ashburton River mouth management plan begins to be put into place. Work at the site is the result of a strategic plan commissioned by the zone committee last year.

Fencing and path building has formed a 4WD access to the beach and river, while creating a protected space bordered by gorse and native plants, as well as the hāpua.

A new walkway passes through the protected area, where around 400 hardy native seedlings have been planted to fill gaps in the scrub and create a better environment for native fauna.

Signage at parking sites encourages visitors to look out for the variety of native birds that nest in the area, as well as native and introduced fish species. Traps have been set up around the area to control predator numbers.





The Ashburton Water zone committee left to right: Cr. Stuart Wilson, Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown, Les Wanhalla, William Thomas (Chair), Karl Russell, Angela Cushnie, Cargill Henderson, Cr. Ian Mackenzie. Absent: Arapata Reuben, Chris Allen, Genevieve de Spa, John Waugh (absent).

# **Zone description**

The Ashburton Water Zone is bordered by the Southern Alps, Pacific Ocean, Rakaia and Rangitata rivers, and divided by the Hakatere / Ashburton and Hekeao / Hinds rivers, which have their origins in the foothills.

The rivers, lakes and wetlands that once covered large areas of the zone have always been an important place and food basket for Ngāi Tahu. Three rūnanga consider the zone part of their takiwā – Arowhenua Rūnanga, Taumutu Rūnanga and Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga.

# Zone committee membership 2020

**Rūnanga representatives** Arapata Reuben – Te Rūnanga o Tūāuriri

Karl Russell – Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua

Les Wanhalla -Te Rūnanga o Taumutu

**Community members** William Thomas (Chair) Chris Allen (Deputy Chair) Angela Cushnie Cargill Henderson Genevieve de Spa John Waugh **Council representatives** Ian Mackenzie (Environment Canterbury)

Stuart Wilson (Ashburton District Council)

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The Ashburton Water zone committee is a community led committee supported by councils.

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# 12. Rangitata Awa Restoration Project

Author Hamish Riach; Chief Executive

#### Summary

- The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Rangitata Awa restoration plan and the governance group set up to progress this.
- Council's involvement to date has been at officer level with the Chief Executive representing Council on the Steering Group, and the Planning Manager on the Working Group.
- Council may wish to consider alternative arrangements, including the appointment of an elected member, but it is otherwise proposed to continue the current arrangement.

#### Recommendation

- **1.** That Council's representation on the Rangitata Awa Restoration Governance Group be confirmed as follows:
  - i) Steering Group CE, Hamish Riach
  - ii) Working Group District Planning Manager, Ian Hyde.

#### Attachments

Appendix 1 Terms of Reference

#### Background

- 1. In November 2019 the Department of Conservation and the cultural consultants of Aoraki Environmental Consultancy (AEC), acting on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, met at a hui to discuss aspirations for the Rangitata Awa and how to grow the local partnership between the Crown and mana whenua. From this formulative korero pono, the vision for the Awa was developed.
- 2. The issue of functional loss of the South Branch of the Rangitata has long been an issue for Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua and the significant flood event in December 2019 brought the issue into focus.
- 3. At that time Environment Canterbury (ECan) put in place a staged programme of work to protect the Rangitata River from another major flood event.
- 4. The ECan work programme had a total cost estimate of \$2.7million. ECan secured Government (Covid-recovery) funding which will meet a significant part of the total repair cost (about \$1.8m of the total \$2.7m). The funds included, subject to appropriate consultation and agreement, provision for immediate works to reduce flood risk, further investigations, future works and environmental enhancement works.
- 5. It was recognised that further engagement would be required with iwi on the future long term flood protection works. This engagement to reach agreement on river management is being led by ECan.
- 6. The partnership group has supported ECan to move forward with a scoping of options, implications, and practical outcomes around flow regimes in the South branch while they carry out flood protection reinstatement.
- 7. The need to work collaboratively with other statutory agencies on the Rangitata Awa was also identified. ECan, Timaru District Council and Land Information New Zealand all have significant interest and the project has also been committed to by Ashburton District Council and Central South Island Fish & Game.
- 8. The governance group established to oversee the Rangitata Awa restoration has created separate steering and working group functions and regular meetings (approximately monthly) have been held since April 2020.
- 9. The project's focus has been around forming a collective identity, identifying key objectives, developing tools, and development of 'Jobs for Nature<sup>1</sup>' and post-covid fund bids, that will support the agencies to deliver the agreed tasks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DOC's restoration project will see fencing of riverbed and wetlands, native planting on riparian margins, trapping sediment and protecting braided river birds.

- 10. The Steering Group membership consists of John Henry (Cultural Consultant, Aoraki Environmental Consultancy / Marae Exec Chair), Nicola Toki (Eastern South Island Director Operations, DOC), Stefanie Rixecker (Chief Executive, ECan), Megan Reid (Biosecurity and Biodiversity Group Manager, LINZ), Bede Carran (Chief Executive, Timaru DC), and Hamish Riach (Chief Executive, Ashburton DC).
- 11. The above agencies, with statutory function over the Rangitata Awa, are also represented on the Working Group.

#### **Options analysis**

#### Option 1 -Council's representation on the Rangitata Awa Restoration Steering Group and Working Group be retained at officer level. This is the preferred option.

- 12. It is recommended that Council's current representation be continued as it currently is. The Chief Executive's role mirrors the role of the CEs of both Timaru DC and ECan, and is therefore consistent with the officer-level representation provided by the other Councils involved.
- 13. The Steering Group plans to meet every 6 months as far as the report writer is aware, it has only met once to date, with the ADC CE an apology due to a clash of commitments. The Steering Group does not appear yet to have an overtly active or impactful role, rather more a monitoring light hand on the tiller.
- 14. The Planning Manager has been attending the Working Group meetings over the last 12 months or so. It is the Working Group where the real work and progress will be made.

#### Option 2 -Council's representation on the Rangitata Awa Restoration Steering Group be amended to be an elected member

- 15. Under this option, an elected member would replace the CE on the Steering Group, with the Planning Manager continuing to represent Council on the Working Group. If ADC did make this choice, the ADC elected member would be the only elected member on the Steering Group as it is currently made up. An elected member would have the advantage of strengthening the political alignment with the work.
- 16. It would have the disadvantage of appearing out of step with both Timaru DC and ECan, who both have their CE on the group.
- 17. Indeed, the ADC CE was invited to the Steering Group after it had been set up and been populated by the other attendees. This indicates it was always seen by the founders (which did not include ADC) as an officer-led project.

#### Option 3 -Remove Council's representation on the Rangitata Awa Restoration Governance Group (either or both of the Steering Group and/or Working Group)

- 18. Council could choose to withdraw from the work. This is not recommended.
- 19. Council has a responsibility for sustainable management of the environment and actively supports improving the health of the district's rivers, lakes and waterways.
- 20. As an adjoining Council to the Rangitata River, it would be incongruous to not want to be included in thinking, planning, and working towards a sustainable and healthy river. It would place ADC in a very obvious and jarringly different position to Timaru DC and ECan.
- 21. Withdrawing from involvement would likely send a profoundly negative signal to mana whenua that we are not prepared to sit at the same table and consider a matter of great importance to them.

## Legal/policy implications

- 22. The aims of the group are generally in accordance with the intentions of the Resource Management Act 1991 to avoid, remedy and mitigate adverse effects on the environment as well as other related projects such as the regional Braided Rivers Action Group (BRAG) which aims to review river margin land tenure and management.
- 23. As a process in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, the project assists with obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi by supporting rangitiratanga and kaitakitanga.

#### **Financial implications**

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	NA
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Staff costs met within existing budgets
Where is the funding coming from?	NA
Are there any future budget implications?	No. Future financial commitment that may be required from Council's participation is unknown.
Finance review required?	Not required.

# Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No. While the restoration project itself is significant, confirming Council's representation on the Group is not.
Level of significance	Low.
Level of <i>engagement</i> selected	1. Inform – one way communication.
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The project is being overseen by a range of agencies with statutory responsibility for the Rangitata Awa and representative of the wider community
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy Manager

# Rangitata River Restoration Terms of Reference

## Steering Group

Name	Role	Organisation
John Henry	Steering Group Joint Chair	Cultural Consultant, Aoraki Environmental Consultancy/ Marae Exec Chair
Nicola Toki	Steering Group Joint Chair	Eastern South Island Director Operations, DOC
Stefanie Rixecker	Steering Group Member	Chief Executive, ECan
Megan Reid	Steering Group Member	Biosecurity and Biodiversity Group Manager, LINZ
Bede Carran	Steering Group Member	Chief Executive, TDC
Hamish Riach	Steering Group Member	Chief Executive, ADC

It is expected the chair of the working group will represent the working group or provide a report to the steering group at the steering groups direction

#### Function of Steering Group

- 1. Commit their agency to a collaborative partnership that will meet the vision statement, under the banner of the Rangitata Restoration.
- 2. Approve vision, goals, overarching restoration plan, and annual workplans supplied from the working group.
- 3. Agree that in matters of consensus that the project has the authority to speak on agencies behalves.
- 4. Represent their agency, identify opportunities and limitations.
- 5. Shall meet twice per annum (Feb and Aug?) by either electronic medium or meeting.
- 6. Call on the chair of the working group to either represent the working group, present specific advice or information, or furbish a report.
- 7. Resolve alternate or opposing viewpoints of agencies/ working group members.
- 8. Decide on working group representation for their agency.
- 9. Give feedback on working group performance.
- 10. Through their agency representatives of the working group to maintain a functional knowledge of the working groups progress.
- 11. Minutes shall be held by all agencies. Vehicle?

## Working Group

Role	Name	Position	Organisation
Chair	Vivian Karl Russell	Cultural Consultant	AEC
Vice Chair	Brad Edwards	River Ranger	DOC
Member	Ally Crane	General Manager	AEC
Member	Tewera King	Cultural Consultant	AEC
Member	Michael McMillan	Cultural Consultant	AEC
Member	John Henry	Cultural Consultant	AEC
Member	Duncan Toogood	Operations Manager	DOC
Member	David Owen	Principal Braided River Advisor	ECAN
Member	Irai Weepu	Tangata Whenua Facilitator- Kaitiakitanga Targets	ECAN
Member	Shaun Thomason	Biodiversity and Biosecurity Group	LINZ
Member	Lauren Smith	Assets Team	LINZ
Member	Andrew Dixon	Infrastructure Manager	TDC
Member	Mark Geddes	District Planning Manager	TDC
Member	Ian Hyde	District Planning Manager	ADC
Member	Jay Graybill	Chief Executive	CSI F&G
Member	Angela Christensen	Resource Officer	CSI F&G

Function of Working Group

- 1. Members act as an agency representative and monitor for matters relating to the Rangitata Awa.
- 2. Develop draft vision and goals, river restoration plan and annual workplan for Governance Group approval.
- 3. Work collaboratively to add value to other agencies or workstreams mahi and seek alignment between agencies on the Awa.
- 4. Seek to include wider interagency and community input in the project
- 5. Work to undertake agreed tasks.
- 6. Convene teams of specialists to seek specific technical advice, and report back to the working group and governence group as directed.
- 7. Represent their agency, identify opportunities and issues.
- 8. Work amongst their own agency to bring collaboration, skills and resources to the table that will benefit the vision.
- 9. Shall meet monthly.
- 10. Maintain contact with their agency Governence group lead and keep them abreast of significant issues of interest.
- 11. As a group, not to make statutory decisions but to seek interagency alignment, and make informed comment to the Steering Group in matters of statutory interest to the vision



Tūruapō Our Vision:

With our community we value, protect and restore the mauri of the Rangitata Awa, ki uta ki tai.

# Whanonga pono Underlying Values

- · Healthy Mauri of the Awa
- Te Runanga o Arowhenua hold Kaitiakitanga and Rangatiratanga
- · A functional braided river ki uta ki tai
- Healthy braided river ecosystems and habitats
- Native Taonga Species thrive
- · Healthy People and Communities





# Our Goals

- Functional, whole braided river systems is maintained and habitat loss addressed
- 2. Manawhenua can exhibit kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga
- Culturally significant and critical or rare ecosystems are protected and enhanced
- Connections between Awa, land and marine habitats are managed to support viable populations of species that depend on them
- 5. Mahinga Kai, Taonga and threatened species are in abundance
- Catchment land and water management supports indigenous biodiversity
- 7. Living status of Te Awa is respected
- 8. The community is enriched by the Awa











#### **Working Group**

#### **Working Group Membership**

The working group has a defined core membership that will act as primary contacts and be expected to maintain a working brief of the actions of the group as identified in the functions above. This membership is by no means to act as a restraint to agencies sending appropriate staff to the meetings as knowledge or skills are required. In this matter the working group may be considered in some ways open between the agencies but supported with a core membership.

#### **Apologies**

Should a Member be unable to attend a meeting, he or she must inform the meeting host as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

Members may invite other parties to specific meeting with the agreement of the other parties. or can be represented by a substitute if unable to attend the Substitute shall provide relevant comments/feedback of the Working Group Member they are representing to the attended meeting.

#### Quorum

The quorum for the group is:

• A minimum of FOUR members from the core membership list including at least one participant from three of the four organisations.

#### Decisions

Decisions will ideally be made by consensus and in a timely manner. It is recognised that some decisions may require referral to senior managers or wider community consensus before a decision is made. If consensus cannot be reached, then the Working Group will either:

- Request more information (this may include recommendations from the cross functional team), OR
- seek to return to the issue at a later date, OR
- Agree that each group retains independent decision-making autonomy and leave the issue unresolved.

#### Agenda

All Working Group agenda items (including reports) must be forwarded to the host agency by close of business five working days prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Members may raise new items under 'Topical Business' if necessary and as time permits.

The final agenda, including attachments, shall be provided to all Working Group members no later than one week prior to each meeting.

#### **Minutes & Meeting Papers**

The minutes of each Working Group meeting will be recorded and distributed by the nominated secretariat using the Microsoft Teams group site.

The draft minutes, including attachments, shall be provided to all Working Group members no later than three weeks following each meeting (this can be at the same time as the final agenda for the next meeting).

Meeting formats are not fixed. E.g. may be field based, site based or teleconference participation.

#### **Order of Business for General Meeting**

Opening of Meeting (The meeting quorum requirements are fulfilled). Apologies. Approval of last minutes. Reports from members, workstreams and committees. Unfinished business. New business (agenda items). Topical business (late items). Closure of Meeting.

#### Meeting dates/times/venues

Meetings will be held on a monthly basis as identified on the 'Hui Agenda', at a location convenient to all parties decided during the previous meeting.

An extraordinary working group meeting maybe called and held by any of the core members providing the provisions of a Quorum and notification of all members are met.

#### **Specialist Teams/ Work Stream**

An appointed permanent member(s) of the working group may be requested to convene a 'specialist team' or 'workstream' to provide a plan, find ways to make something happen or deliver technical advice to the wider working group. The working group shall define a term of reference defining the workstream goals and what the group can do to make it happen.

#### Confidentiality

- Information held via meeting minutes, reports or electronic correspondence including the Microsoft Team environment are subject to public disclosure via the Official Information Act 1982.
- 2. Information deemed 'Confidential' which a party does not wish to disclose may not be shared via any record or device of the wider group and may not be given the same weighting of consideration as supported disclosure.
- 3. The Parties agree not to use or exploit the Confidential Information for any purpose other than that for which it was disclosed without the express written consent of the disclosing party.

#### Media

#### Media comment might being sought in relation to a issue of mutual interest.

The 'Working Group' when developing workstreams or specialist teams, should consider naming a lead member to speak on the wider group's behalf.

In other circumstances, working group members will make best efforts to consult across all effected agencies before any comment is made in order to either agree that:

 $\cdot$  in a particular case/issue a joint comment would be appropriate, and agree the content of that comment; or

 $\cdot$  in a particular case/issue it is appropriate for one agency to take the lead in

providing such a comment and agree the content of that comment; or

 $\cdot$  individual comment is necessary, the content of which will be shared with the other party.

Each party will work within its own organisation's media policy.

#### Hui Agenda for Rangitata Restoration Working Group

Monday 7 December 2020 - 10.30 am to 12 noon Venue to be confirmed

26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 1 to 3 pm TDC buildings or via Microsoft Teams

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 – 2 to 4 pm Six monthly Governance Group Hui Arowhenua Marae

Monday 8 March 2021 - 10.30 am to 12 noon Venue to be confirmed

Monday 26 April 2021 - 10.30 am to 12 noon Venue to be confirmed

Monday 3 May 2021 - 10.30 am to 12 noon Venue to be confirmed

Monday 31 May 2021 - 10.30 am to 12 noon Venue to be confirmed

Monday 28 June 2021 - 10.30 am to 12 noon Venue to be confirmed

Monday 5 July 2021 – 10.30 am to 12.30 pm Six monthly Governance Group hui

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## 13. Mayor's Report

#### 13.1 Cross Regional Three Waters Group

Zone 5 & 6 Mayors and Chief Executives have met via Zoom to discuss initial thoughts on the material from the recently held DIA workshops.

#### 13.2 Meetings

#### • Mayoral calendar

#### **April 2021**

- 9 April: Cross Regional Three Waters Group (via Zoom)
- 9 April: St John Mid Canterbury District Awards Cr Braam deputised
- 12 April: Ben Shearer and David Clark
- 12 April: David Gaskin and Leigh Jenkins NZ Police
- 13 April: Library and Civic Centre PCG
- 13 April: Ashburton Menzshed Shelter Opening Cr McKay deputised
- 13 April: Dairy Women's Network Ashburton Conference
- 13 April: Radio interview with Magic Talk
- 13 April: Christchurch Press interview
- 13 April: Bernice Marra Ashburton Health Services with Cr Cameron
- 16 April: Age Concern AGM Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan deputised
- 19 April: Advance Ashburton
- 19 April: M.Bovis Affected Farmers meeting
- 20 April: Braided Rivers Cycleways
- 21 April: Council Workshop RMA Reforms and National Policy Statement
- 21 April: Council meeting

#### Recommendation

**That** Council receives the Mayor's report.

Neil Brown Mayor

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## 14. Councillor Reports

#### **Councillor** Lynette Lovett

#### 14.1 Canterbury Biodiversity Champions 2021

This meeting was hosted by Environment Canterbury and held in Christchurch on Friday 9 April. The meeting was also attended by elected members from Timaru, Waimate, Hurunui, Selwyn, Christchurch, Kaikoura, Mackenzie and Waimakariri.

Key points for discussion were District Plan reviews, the Fit for Future CWMS Work Programmes, a Regional approach information project and a shared regional approach to biodiversity advocacy.

#### • District Plan reviews (territorial authorities)

ECan provided an update, based on the information held in their Planning section. Ashburton and Hurunui have indicated they won't be reviewing their Plans prior to the RMA reform. Other councils are at various stages of operation or consideration of reviews.

#### • Fit for Future CWMS work programmes

Looked at the actions to meet the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) 2025 goals (around ecosystem health and biodiversity target).

#### • Regional approach - information gathering

Identify current priorities and actions and we can then determine the gaps and opportunities for a regional approach. It was noted that not all councils have a biodiversity plan or a biodiversity group.

Look at what our capital spend is in the biodiversity space. Is it built into other activity areas across the board or labelled as biodiversity – e.g. when cleaning a drain do we look at biodiversity values, taking into account fish and bird life and the timing of this work?

Highlight opportunities for a regional approach on a dedicated web page for best practice showing plans and projects that have been done or are happening. Connect groups (funding, natural solutions) – e.g. pine or native forest, also noting biodiversity fits within the Three Waters area.

#### • Biodiversity advocacy

Have we provided funding in our LTP to meet central government's increased requirements. How do we get buy-in from industry?

We need to be overlaying maps of all public land on rivers, small streams, roadsides – including land owned by DOC, ECan, LINZ and Railways. Ensuring everyone is able to work together would make joint projects much easier. *Refer to following attachment* 







