

**GREATER CHRISTCHURCH URBAN
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (UDS) FORUM**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREATER CHRISTCHURCH
URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FORUM**

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Office, Christchurch
on Monday 21 August 2006 at 1pm**

PRESENT:

Christchurch City Council
Councillor Bob Parker (Chairman).

Environment Canterbury
Councillors Richard Budd (from 1.10pm) and
Alec Neil.

Selwyn District Council
Councillors Debra Hasson (from 1.30pm) and
Annette Foster.

Waimakariri District Council
Councillors Kath Adams and Kevin Felsted.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS: Colin Knaggs (Transit NZ)
Peter Townsend (Chamber of Commerce) (until 1.30pm)
Dr Mel Brieseman (Canterbury District Health Board).

Committee Secretary
Warren Brixton.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Councillors Sally Buck and Bob Shearing, Max Percasky,
Dr Morgan Williams, Pam Richardson, Steve Collins and
Dr Simon Kingham.

1. STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

In opening the meeting the Chairman referred to the recent enquiry by Design Workshops, and the fact that this has led to questions being answered, and that people were relatively comfortable. The next phase is to return to the constituent Councils, ensure they were happy with the draft strategy before engagement in consultation with the community.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of 17 July 2006 were adopted.

3. **UPDATE REPORT FROM PROJECT LEADERS**

The joint project leaders update report was **received**.

Arising from report:

1. Strategy adoption - while this will not take place until 2007, the need to set a tentative date was suggested.
2. Note was taken that the forum should not get involved in too much detail and risk losing sight of the big picture.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

It was resolved the Communications Team report be received.

5. **GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT**

Bill Wasley, Project Leader, advised that meetings had been held with the various Mayor's and the regional chairman to brief them on UDS matters. As well, arrangements to meet Government Ministers were in progress, which would be followed by the briefing of individual Ministers and local MPs.

The degree of interest of surrounding Local Authorities was noted, as it is known that there are issues of interest to the UDS, that extend beyond the area under review.

6. **UDS TOOLBOX REPORT**

Reference was made to the implementation Toolbox papers as issued at the 15 May 2006 meeting, as the type of structure that would assist any forum.

The question was posed as whether it should be a formalised or less formalised process.

7. **GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL - IMPLEMENTATION**

The Project Managers advised that they were keen to have some discussion on the approach to be taken. As a result, a general discussion followed with comments being made as follows:

- The alternatives available.
- Risks as to partnerships and costs ie certainty should be provided for such matters as development costs which now vary between different local authorities.
- The scope and terms of reference, was needed as a first step in implementing the structure.
- The community had already given a strong steer in the direction they saw matters evolving.
- Member local authorities would want room to manoeuvre within the strategy.

At this point in the meeting, various maps were tabled for inspection as base material. From these could be drawn:

- Natural - green belt/corridors.
- Built - movement.
- Activity centres - potential.

Other comments included:

- Constraints were known, what are the options and the growth allocation would now be looked at.
- Local knowledge was important, as was leadership and flexibility.
- There were social issues to be considered, not everything could be put into a technical sense.
- Legislation was one of the most difficult aspects.
- Developers wanted certainty.

8. **DRAFT URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DOCUMENT**

A PowerPoint presentation was provided on the key aspects of the draft strategy as developed to date, including initial thinking on the implementation arrangements.

It covered:

- Strategy document structure.
- Action format.
- Action components.
- Implementation tools.

The presentation was concluded with a statement that the forum is about leadership, it needed to challenge itself, inspire others and examine the vital information out there.

It was **resolved** that the verbal and written reports provided by the Project Team be adopted.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Work Programme:

- The forum could deal with the substantive work, while leaving the more detailed/technical work to that of staff.
- The possible development recently announced at Tuahiwi, raised questions as to relationships.
- The Design Workshop has been well received, with good involvement and interaction and appreciation of this was expressed.

10. **CONSULTATION**

The special consultative process is to be used, which will mean that the consultation period should be over a longer period than the minimum one month.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 18 September 2006 at 1pm.

The meeting concluded at 2.45pm.