

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

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

**Held in the Chambers, Environment Canterbury, Kilmore Street, Christchurch
on Monday 18 July 2005 at 12.30pm**

PRESENT:

Banks Peninsula District Council

Mayor Bob Parker (Chairperson) and Councillor Steve Lowndes.

Christchurch City Council

Mayor Garry Moore, Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck and Bob Shearing.

Environment Canterbury

Councillors Richard Budd and Alec Neil.

Selwyn District Council

Councillors Debra Hasson and Annette Foster.

Waimakariri District Council

Councillors Kath Adams and Kevin Felsted.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

Dr Mel Brieseman (Canterbury District Health Board), Rob Churcher (NZ Property Council), Steve Collins (Chamber of Commerce), Dr Simon Kingham (University of Canterbury), Colin Knaggs (Transit New Zealand), Max Percasky (Palms Mall) and Morgan Williams (Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Sue Wells, Cr Claudia Reid, Pam Richardson (Federated Farmers) and Peter Townsend (Chamber of Commerce).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sir Kerry Burke. Environment Canterbury

Committee Secretary

Graham Sutherland

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of 20 June 2005, as circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

2. INTERIM SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE UDS OPTIONS

In speaking to the report Karen Banwell and Mark Bachel's outlined how the submissions on the UDS Options were analysed and provided an initial summary of that analysis. Key findings indicated that there was a majority of support for Option A, that water quality was of very high importance and there was overwhelming support for the partner Councils to work together on the UDS.

Bob Parker recommended that a UDS Forum workshop be organised to start 'fleshing out' the ideas in the strategy so that something meaningful can be presented to the public. The workshop would focus on the key themes identified in the report.

Morgan Williams identified two key issues that should be addressed in the workshop – how to include the notion of sustainability in the strategy and consideration of governance issues for the long term management of the strategy.

The following comments were made by Forum members for staff to note:

- Members asked for a detailed breakdown, if possible, of the responses from the 18-45 year old group.
- There were many references to a 'green belt' in the submissions but this does not exist, therefore it might be better to refer to it as the 'urban boundary'.
- Selwyn District Council also ran advertising on the UDS in its local newspaper and this was omitted on page 27 of the report.

Resolved:

1. *That the UDS Forum utilise the results of this feedback on the UDS Options to guide the development of the draft UDS.*
2. *That the UDS Forum recommends that the results of the feedback on the UDS Options be outlined to each Council and the Transit New Zealand Board, with the support of appropriate staff.*
3. *That a UDS Forum workshop be held to confirm the key objectives and outcomes from this report.*
4. *That staff be asked to seek further input on the UDS Options from groups that are apparently under-represented in the feedback received.*

3. COMMUNICATION PLAN – JULY 2005 TO JANUARY 2006

In speaking to the report Grant Mangin advised that those who made submissions would be responded to and kept informed as the UDS progresses. He also outlined the communications plan for the next stages of the process.

In the discussion that followed, members commented that there had been numerous offers through the submissions process of resources and networks that staff should note for future use. Staff were also encouraged to utilise modern communications technology where possible to reach audiences not yet engaged.

Resolved:

That a tour date is set for August or September and a detailed itinerary and arrangements be made.

8. **GREATER CHRISTCHURCH TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

(a) **Rail Study Update**

Laurie McCallum and Richard Budd advised the forum that the Rail Study reported in the media was only a desktop study of possible rail options and was not a comprehensive study as media attention may suggest. Copies of the study would be provided to the partner councils when it is available.

Forum members recommended that ECan try to address any unrealistic public expectation of the study.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Helen Broughton requested that the issue of private plan changes be discussed at the next meeting of the UDS Forum, with a staff report indicating where councils are at with their District Plans and what their policies are in relation to providing for private plan changes.
2. Garry Moore asked that Morgan Williams be invited to give a presentation to the UDS Forum, based on his broad experiences, on a range of governance and partnership options to guide the future of the UDS and to encourage long-term thinking and planning by UDS partner organisations.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm.