

## 1. FUTURE PATH PROCESS

The Chairperson reported:

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the Future Path process.

### BACKGROUND

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum created the Steering Group for the purpose of:

- Overseeing the completion of the Future Path Canterbury Visioning process.
- Overseeing the ongoing development of methodologies and practices for forum wide collaboration on future planning.
- Overseeing the engagement with key stakeholders where inter-authority collaboration is seen as desirable including signing off the list of key stakeholders to be appointed on a collaborative basis.
- Overseeing the development of processes to cooperatively identify or at least harmonise community outcomes where this is desirable.

As the first bullet-point states, the creation of the vision was the first mission of the Technical and Steering Teams. To complete this project several community conversations were held from Kaikoura to Ashburton. The information from these meetings was collected and validated with a telephone survey.

The attached document outlines the visioning process and lists five overall vision statements and describes what is meant by each of them.

The Steering Group spent time together considering the wording of the overarching vision statements and unanimously agreed a brand to summarise the vision. In doing this, they noted that the statement needed to be based on what the people of Canterbury said about the kind of future they would like to see for their region. The statement:

#### **Canterbury – weaving together people, places and opportunities**

was unanimously adopted by the Steering Group. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum endorsed the vision, which is to be offered to individual Councils for acceptance and sign off in the New Year. It is envisaged that those Councils who choose to adopt the overarching statement may include it at the top of their Long Term Council Community Plan but they will continue to have their own particular vision statement still appearing.

The Forum also recognised that this vision still provides all Canterbury Councils and other bodies still have the flexibility to have their own visions at a local and/or project level.

**Recommendation:** That the Council approve the statement:

**“Canterbury – weaving together people, places and opportunities”**

as the overarching vision for Canterbury.