

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

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

**Held in the Waitaki Room, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch
on Monday 20 March 2006 at 1pm**

PRESENT:

Christchurch City Council

Councillors Bob Parker (Chairperson) and
Helen Broughton,
Kevin Banwell, Ian Hay and Carolyn Ingles.

Environment Canterbury

Councillors Richard Budd and Alec Neill, and
Laurie McCallum and Alice Ann Wetzel.

Selwyn District Council

Councillors Annette Foster, Debra Hasson and
Malcolm Lyall, and Nick Regnault.

Waimakariri District Council

Councillors Kath Adams and Kevin Felsted.

Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board

Steve Lowndes

Lyttelton/Mount Herbert Community Board

Claudia Reid

KEY STAKEHOLDERS: Rob Churcher (NZ Property Council), Dr Simon Kingham
(University of Canterbury) and Pam Richardson
(Federated Farmers).

Committee Secretary

Warren Brixton

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Pat Harrow (Christchurch City Council)

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from
Councillor Sally Buck, Dr Morgan Williams,
Dr Mel Brieseman, Colin Knaggs, Max Percasky,
Stephen Collins and Peter Townsend.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of 22 February 2006, as circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

It was agreed that a copy of the meeting minutes be attached to each forum agenda circulated.

2. **PROJECT COMPLETION PLAN**

Ken Tremaine, Programme Leader, advised that the report was a stocktake on where the project was at, the various relationships and what it was proposed to do in moving it forward.

It was a matter of having to work in parallel, to energise the whole programme in order to ensure the draft strategy could be completed.

He noted that Transit New Zealand was calling for an agreed regional growth strategy prior to any transport plan and the provision of supporting infrastructure.

Questions and comments were made in respect of:

- The need to ensure the different strategies that each local authority has are properly cross-referenced and integrated. Lake Ellesmere was given as an example.
- Various policies may have changed in the interim such as that of social.
- Private plan changes could be regarded as a project risk.

It was **resolved**:

1. That the project completion plan report be received.
2. That the issues referred to in the discussion be noted such as the need to ensure the relevant policy documentation held by the forum is up to date and relative cross-checking is carried out.

3. **RESOURCING NEEDS FOR THE UDS**

Ken Tremaine, Project Leader, referred to the tight timetable, which would require work to move forward in parallel also.

While it might be said that the timeframe was not possible, he did not think there was any option in the matter.

Questions and comments were made in respect of:

- The need to have regard to the Christmas period in any consultation.
- The need to ensure the relative project stage is completed before the 2007 local government elections.
- The fact that the project had CEO backing and matters of governance were of utmost importance, in relation to having individual elected member support.
- While there was buy-in at present, local growth issues could arise.
- The RPS statement of Environment Canterbury's included a chapter related to the UDS project.

- There was need to keep an open mind regarding current local authority planning documents.
- The charter referred to obligations to be met on local social issues.

It was **resolved**:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the issues arising out of the discussion be noted.

4. **ROLE OF PASSENGER RAIL**

Ken Tremaine, Project Leader, advised on the extent of work that had been carried out on this matter. He saw that it was important to identify corridors and protect these from being closed off. A policy framework was to be developed, but options needed to be kept open, as did the thinking on this matter.

Questions and comments following included:

- The discussion taking place in the wider community is available on the UDS website.
- With the reliance on oil-based products, Canterbury was particularly well placed regarding corridors, but a courageous stand needed to be made.
- In addition to rail corridors, park and ride and cross-over corridors needed to be brought into the picture.
- Ultra light rail could be a viable option and could be interlinked with that of heavy rail.

5. **CHARETTE**

Alice Ann Wetzel advised that the process would bring together a host of disciplines in order to show what the final product might be.

At present an RFP had been sent out for the appointment of a consultant and this was currently being evaluated.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 10 April 2006 but this may be altered depending on work being done by the project team.

The meeting concluded at 2.15pm.