



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

STRATEGIC PARTNERS FORUM

**Held in the Chambers, Our City, Christchurch
on Friday 20 July 2007 at 10.00am**

FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Wasley	Independent Chair & Forum Chair
Stan Beavon	Rolleston Residents Association
David Burford	NZ Fire Service
David Corlett	Ministry of Transport
Jackie Curtis	Land Transport New Zealand
David Griftiths	Housing New Zealand
Dr Sue Jarvis	Enviorn Town (Lincoln)
Simon Kingham	University of Canterbury
Sally Lathan	Migrant & Refugee Forum
Julia Main	Department of Internal Affairs
Selwyn Maister	Healthy Christchurch (Sport Canterbury)
Grant McPhail	Christchurch Polytechnic
Hamish Douch	Representative of the Development Community
Dr Ted Pryor	Christchurch Civic Trust
Ralph Ross	Christchurch Combined Residents Assoc
Clare Sargeant	NZ Planning Institute
Simon Swaffield	Lincoln University
Sue Turner	Ministry of Youth Development
Brain Walsh	Sustainable Business Network
Anni Watkin	Youth Organisation Representative
Gloria Weeks	Disabled Persons Reference Group
Chrissie Williams	Sustainable Otautahi/Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ken Tremaine	Consultant
Laurie McCallum	Environment Canterbury (UDSIMG)
Simon Markham	Waimakariri District Council (UDSIMG)
Lisa Watson	UDS Project Coordinator

APOLOGIES:

Mark Chubb	NZ Fire Service
Paul McNoe	Representative of Bus Operators
Simon Mortlock	Representative of the Development Community
Dennis Parker	Sustainable Business Network
Stephanie Styles	NZ Planning Institute
Sharon Torstonson	Council of Social Services
Peter Townsend	Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Wasley (Independent Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming the members to the Forum, facilitating introductions and outlining the Forum Terms of Reference

2. PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION on UDS

Bill Wasley and Ken Tremaine presented an overview of the Urban Development Strategy entitled 'Growth Management in Greater Christchurch' (*pdf version available on the UDS website: greaterchristchurch.org.nz*).

The following discussion points were raised:

- i. Regional Policy Statement – Status & timeframes
Laurie McCallum informed the meeting of the collaborative process undertaken to develop the RPS and that the RPS would be notified on the 28th July at which point it would become a formal document.
- ii. Timing, Commitment and Correlation of Actions and Strategy
Members noted various actions and the need for agreement between the strategy and the actions. Ken Tremaine outlined the Action Plan framework which details the timing, lead agency and links to the strategy.
- iii. Government Policy Interface
Three key transport policies which require consideration in regard to the UDS were mentioned:
 - Next Steps Review
 - 3yr Government Policy Statement
 - Regional Fuel Tax
- iv. Topics noted for further discussion:
 - Development in Rural Areas
 - Intensification, what does it mean and how is it measured
 - Mixed Use, what do people understand this to mean, and are the mixed uses compatible
 - Community Engagement Programme, the early involvement of the Strategic Partner Forum in the formulation

- v. Biodiversity & Climate Change
The need to look at how we can reduce the effects not just deal with the impacts.
- vi. Knowledge base for decision making
Ken Tramaine advised that access to resources and knowledge was available at all levels within the UDS structure including the Strategic Partners Forum. Ken also stated that a key principal of strategy implementation was resilience and keeping the strategy current.
- vii. Funding the Strategy
Concerns was raised as to how the strategy implementation would be funded. Bill outlined the following funding mechanisms:
- Implementation operation budget, including the appointment of an Implementation Manager, through to September 2010.
 - LTCCP's; actions will be incorporated in partner Council LTCCP's
 - Transport; funding options to be identified
- viii. Transport
The members expressed interest in viewing the work undertaken by Canterbury University regarding fossil fuels. It was determined to note this item for a future agenda.
- ix. Long term view of strategy outside of political cycle
Members expressed concern that the life of the strategy may be dependent on the political cycle and therefore limited. Bill assured the members that there is a matrix and hierarchy of implementation which provides the strategy with its own resilience. This includes anchoring the strategy in many documents including the RPS, RLTS (Regional Land Transport Strategy) and LTCCP and having a number of implementation groups both at the governance, management and technical level of which Strategic Partners Forum was a key element. It was noted that strategy implementation spanned both government, local government, and other agencies including community organisations.
- x. Social Impacts of Settlement Pattern
The potential social impacts of the settlement pattern was raised, with regard to the different sectors and generations i.e. intensification and youth socialising in the inner city. Simon Markham acknowledged that limited analytical work had been done to date on the social implications of the growth strategy and the members determined to put this item on a future agenda.
- xi. Implementation Manager
Bill noted that James Caygill had been appointed to the position of Implementation Manager and he would commence the full time role on 6 August 2007. He would be a key contact point for Strategic Partner Forum members

3. STRATEGIC PARTNER INFORMATION NEEDS

The item is to remain as a standard agenda item. Also raised for future discussion was the identification of 'Mechanisms for accessing and sharing information'.

4. AGENDA & INFORMATION CIRCULATION - email

Correspondence with members is to be conducted electronically. Documents are to be available from the UDS website (greaterchristchurch.org.nz) with links forwarded to members.

5. UDS CONTACT DETAILS

Contact details for all members, along with UDS project contacts, will be circulated to the group.

6. OTHER MATTERS

i. Status of the Meetings

The status of the meetings was raised. Bill advised that the meetings are not deemed 'public' under the Act but are open to observers and all information discussed and derived from the group was available to all the participating organisations.

ii. Meeting Venue

Members requested that due to the poor acoustics, the venue be changed for the following meetings.

iii. Summary of Actions

A one page summary of actions is to be produced for all upcoming actions i.e. RPS.

Next Meeting- Thursday 20th September 10.00am – 12.00pm, Christchurch Convention Centre 1st Floor meeting rooms 4&5.

It is proposed to provide a schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2007 and all of 2008 after the local government elections (October) and once the meeting dates are set for the UDS Implementation Committee.