
Future Development Strategy Hearings Panel Subcommittee

Context

The Greater Christchurch Partnership is comprised of local authorities, iwi, health board and key government agencies. Governance for the Partnership is provided by a joint committee established under the Local Government Act 2002.

The Partnership oversees the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) which provides direction and a framework to guide long term growth and development across Greater Christchurch.

The Partnership is reviewing the settlement pattern aspects of the UDS necessary to meet the requirements of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC). The NPS-UDC requires high growth councils to prepare a Future Development Strategy (FDS) to provide sufficient, feasible development capacity for housing and business growth to meet demand in the short (3 years), medium (10 years) and long term (30 years).

The Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee resolved to collaboratively prepare a FDS (a ‘Settlement Pattern Update’) and to release a draft document for public consultation, allowing for submissions to be heard by a Hearings Panel. Consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 and the significance and engagement policies of the partner councils.

Terms of Reference

The Future Development Strategy Hearings Panel Subcommittee (the ‘Panel’):

1. Will be comprised of one of the representatives of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee from each of the following partner organisations:
 - i. Canterbury Regional Council
 - ii. Christchurch City Council
 - iii. Selwyn District Council
 - iv. Waimakariri District Council
 - v. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
 - vi. Canterbury District Health Board
 - vii. New Zealand Transport Agency
2. Includes the Greater Christchurch Partnership Independent Chair as a member and Chair of the Panel
3. Will have no provision for alternates
4. A quorum shall consist of at least four Panel members (including at least three of the partner council members)
5. All members have voting rights (except the NZTA representative)

6. Shall consider the content of all submissions, allowing an opportunity for submitters wishing to be heard to present submission points to the Panel.
7. Receive an officers' report (being the collective advice from the GCP Partnership Manager and key partner staff) in response to the matters raised through submissions.
8. Adopt appropriate procedures for hearing submissions and undertaking deliberations, including determining appropriate:
 - a. Locations for the Panel to hear from submitters
 - b. Timings allocated to submitters wishing to be heard
 - c. Any grouping of submissions to assist consideration by the Panel
9. Following the consideration of submissions, hearing from submitters, and receiving of an officers' report the Panel will hold deliberations and make recommendations to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee on any changes considered necessary to the draft document.
10. May seek legal advice from the Partnership's legal counsel as necessary to assist deliberations and enable it to make recommendations.
11. Will terminate at the point the final Settlement Pattern Update (FDS) document is ratified by Partner Councils, or otherwise when the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee deems appropriate.

Hearing Panel administrative support

The Panel will be provided administrative and logistical support as appropriate in order to fulfil its function and terms of reference. Where this is not able to be provided by partner staff, external temporary resourcing will be provided.