



# Greater Christchurch Partnership

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## Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee OPEN MINUTES

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**Date:** Friday 6 November 2020  
**Time:** 9am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury,  
200 Tuam Street, Christchurch

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### **Present**

Chairperson Bill Wasley  
Members Mayor Lianne Dalziel , Christchurch City Council  
Councillor Mike Davidson , Christchurch City Council  
Councillor Sara Templeton , Christchurch City Council  
Chairperson Jenny Hughey , Environment Canterbury  
Councillor Phil Clearwater , Environment Canterbury  
Councillor Grant Edge , Environment Canterbury  
Mayor Sam Broughton , Selwyn District Council  
Councillor Malcolm Lyall , Selwyn District Council  
Councillor Sophie McInnes , Selwyn District Council  
Mayor Dan Gordon , Waimakariri District Council  
Councillor Niki Mealings , Waimakariri District Council  
Councillor Neville Atkinson , Waimakariri District Council  
Jane Huria , Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu  
Sir John Hansen , Canterbury District Health Board (via audio-visual link)

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## 1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2020/00010

That the apologies received from Jim Harland and Dr Te Maire Tau, and apology for lateness from Gail Gordon and Councillor Sophie McInnes be accepted.

Jane Huria/Councillor Mike Davidson

**Carried**

## 2. Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

## 3. Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

There were no deputations by appointment.

## 4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes / Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2020/00011

That the minutes of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee meeting held on Friday, 14 August 2020 be confirmed.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Mayor Dan Gordon

**Carried**

## 7. Resolution to Include Supplementary Reports

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2020/00012

That the reports be received and considered at the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee meeting on Friday, 6 November 2020.

#### Open Items

8. Advice on the integration of the key strategic functions of the Public Transport Joint Committee into the functions of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee

Mayor Dan Gordon/Councillor Neville Atkinson

**Carried**

The Independent Chair advised the Committee that the Health in All Policies (Canterbury Public Health) team produce an electronic newsletter 2-3 times a year which is full of useful information about local Health in All Policies activity and approaches and international examples of best practice. To enable the GCP Committee members to have access to this information on an on-going basis members will be added to the list of subscribers.

Councillor Sophie McInnes joined the meeting at 9.37am during the discussion on item 5.

## 5. Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee deputations and ongoing public engagement

### Committee Comment

Jim Palmer introduced this item, and noted that the Committee already has provision for allowing members of the public to speak at meetings but the take-up of this opportunity has been infrequent. The Independent Chair does have discretion regarding deputations which Officers advise is appropriate. Officers also advised that part of the Independent Chair's role is to advise members of the public whether this Committee would be the most appropriate place to make a deputation, or if one of the partner Councils would be more appropriate.

Committee members raised the following points:

- The public deputation guidelines currently state that deputations must relate to the 2007 Urban Development Strategy and directed this be updated as part of the Memorandum of Agreement review to reflect the Committee's broader functions.
- If the Independent Chair declines any deputation requests or transfers a request to one of the Partners, it would be useful for the Committee to be informed about this.
- We need to be careful of potential unintended consequences if we invite people to speak here without having the ability to assist with the matters raised. One potential solution is for people to speak to one of the Partners first to determine the value of speaking to the Committee.
- Committee members expressed a desire for the Partnership to raise its public profile. Public engagement can play a part in this including making it easier for people to speak at meetings.

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2020/00013

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Agree** that the current arrangements regarding public engagement are maintained for at least this financial year.
2. **Note** that Chief Executives Advisory Group will review the effectiveness of the range of engagement mechanisms undertaken as part of Greater Christchurch 2050 following its completion and consider whether any of these mechanisms might be used on a more enduring basis.
3. **Note** that the Partnership is strengthening its engagement and partnerships with other agencies and organisations to give effect to clause 8.2 vii of the Partnership's Memorandum of Agreement.
4. **Note** that the Committee's public deputation guidelines will be updated to reflect the broader mandate of the Greater Christchurch Partnership, and that deputation requests will be reported to the Committee.

Councillor Sara Templeton/Mayor Dan Gordon

**Carried**

## 6. Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures - Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Business Case

### Committee Comment

During the discussion on this item, the Committee raised the following points:

- The Committee discussed whether some of the benefit statements should reference Greater Christchurch, if the main impact is going to be along the corridor. Officers advised that they had discussed this in depth, and preferred to keep the reference to Greater Christchurch so that the focus can be on benefits for the whole sub-region. For example, we want to avoid a scenario where transport emission reductions are concentrated along the corridor but emissions increase elsewhere in Greater Christchurch.
- The Committee discussed whether connecting the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) to wider regional and South Island wide transport systems would be a goal of MRT. Officers advised that the ability for MRT to connect with wider transport systems would definitely be taken into account when evaluating options, but that intent was to avoid making the scope of the project too broad.
- Committee members discussed whether we want the public transport system to be competitive or attractive, and suggested defining whatever term is used. The Committee suggested that travel time, cost, reliability, user experience and frequency should be part of the definition.
- The Committee discussed a desire to embed a reduction in single-occupancy private vehicle use to avoid a situation where we create more capacity on our roads and this encourages people to keep using private cars. Alternatively, Committee members noted that there is significant embedded carbon in our existing infrastructure and we want to maximise the benefits from that by using existing infrastructure as efficiently as possible.
- Officers suggested that the MRT system could have KPI's for lowering single-occupancy vehicle use, and lowering greenhouse gas emissions.
- The Committee asked for sustainability and public health to be captured more clearly in the problem and benefit statements, and suggested creating a third problem statement to achieve this.

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2020/00014

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Agrees** that further revised problem and benefit statements for use in the further development of the Mass Rapid Transit business case can be circulated to members by email during November for feedback, and will be brought to the December Committee meeting for endorsement.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Councillor Phil Clearwater

**Carried**

Sir John Hansen left the meeting at 10.20am during the discussion on item 8.

## 8. Advice on the integration of the key strategic functions of the Public Transport Joint Committee into the functions of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee

### Committee Comment

Officers introduced this item, noting that:

- It is appropriate for this Committee to have strategic oversight of public transport matters relevant to Greater Christchurch.
- There are many operational issues which can remain with Environment Canterbury; raising those at this Committee would add little value to the process.
- There is no need to establish a subcommittee at this stage but the Committee already has the power to establish one, and could do that at any time if required.

During the discussion, the Committee raised the following points:

- The Committee agreed that a subcommittee is not needed at this point but it would be appropriate, for example, to consider the establishment of one during the development of the next Regional Public Transport Plan.
- There are some operational issues that may be best discussed bilaterally; one option to address this is setting up a working group between Environment Canterbury and the respective Territorial Authority. Mayor Lianne Dalziel indicated the Christchurch City Council would be interested in doing this.
- Mayor Sam Broughton noted that the Partnership needs to operate within the context of the wider transport governance across the South Island. Committee members discussed the importance of monitoring and ensuring effective governance arrangements.
- The Committee thanked Alister James for his significant contribution as Independent Chair of the Public Transport Joint Committee and requested a letter be sent to him to that effect
- The Committee discussed the need to proactively approach the incoming Ministers, both to understand their priorities and ensure they understand ours.

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2020/00015

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Note** the strategic role of the Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP) in delivering integrated transport and land-use planning in the sub-region and the significance of Public Transport to the GCP's strategic direction and agenda.
2. **Note** that, with the completion of the Public Transport Futures Foundations business case, it is the appropriate time for the strategic public transport functions to shift to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee.
3. **Note** that the Public Transport Joint Committee is expected to be disestablished in late November.
4. **Note** that the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee will provide governance oversight of:
  - a. key strategic transport issues, national policies and public transport business cases, including the Public Transport Futures Mass Rapid Transit business case;

- b. development of the Regional Public Transport Plan, when required; and
  - c. delivery of the public transport work programme in Greater Christchurch.
5. **Agree** to incorporate any necessary changes as part of the planned general review of the Greater Christchurch Partnership's Memorandum of Agreement as a result of the shift in responsibility for the strategic public transport functions to the Greater Christchurch Partnership noted above.
6. **Acknowledge** and thank Alister James for his contribution as the Chair of the Public Transport Joint Committee.

Councillor Phil Clearwater/Mayor Sam Broughton

**Carried**

**Meeting concluded at 10.34am.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.**

**BILL WASLEY**  
**CHAIRPERSON**