

## **Multicultural Committee**

### **AGENDA**

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#### **Notice of Meeting:**

An ordinary meeting of the Multicultural Committee will be held on:

**Date:** **Wednesday 3 February 2021**  
**Time:** **9.30am**  
**Venue:** **Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch**

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#### **Membership**

Chairperson	Councillor Jimmy Chen
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Catherine Chu
Members	Councillor James Daniels Councillor Anne Galloway Councillor Yani Johanson

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**26 January 2021**

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## Developing Resilience in the 21st Century

Strategic Framework



Whiria ngā whenu o ngā papa,  
honoa ki te maurua tāuikiuki

Bind together the strands of each mat and join  
together with the seams of respect and reciprocity

### Ōtautahi–Christchurch is a city of opportunity for all

Open to new ideas, new people and new ways of doing things – a city where anything is possible

#### Principles

Being open, transparent and democratically accountable	Promoting equity, valuing diversity and fostering inclusion	Taking an inter-generational approach to sustainable development, prioritising the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of people and communities and the quality of the environment, now and into the future	Building on the relationship with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the Te Hononga–Council Papatipu Rūnanga partnership, reflecting mutual understanding and respect	Ensuring the diversity and interests of our communities across the city and the district are reflected in decision-making	Actively collaborating and co-operating with other local, regional and national organisations
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#### Community Outcomes

<b>Resilient communities</b> Strong sense of community Active participation in civic life Safe and healthy communities Celebration of our identity through arts, culture, heritage, sport and recreation Valuing the voices of all cultures and ages (including children)	<b>Liveable city</b> Vibrant and thriving city centre Sustainable suburban and rural centres A well connected and accessible city promoting active and public transport Sufficient supply of, and access to, a range of housing 21st century garden city we are proud to live in	<b>Healthy environment</b> Healthy water bodies High quality drinking water Unique landscapes and indigenous biodiversity are valued and stewardship exercised Sustainable use of resources and minimising waste	<b>Prosperous economy</b> Great place for people, business and investment An inclusive, equitable economy with broad-based prosperity for all A productive, adaptive and resilient economic base Modern and robust city infrastructure and community facilities
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#### Strategic Priorities

<b>Enabling active and connected communities to own their future</b>	<b>Meeting the challenge of climate change through every means available</b>	<b>Ensuring a high quality drinking water supply that is safe and sustainable</b>	<b>Accelerating the momentum the city needs</b>	<b>Ensuring rates are affordable and sustainable</b>
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#### Ensuring we get core business done while delivering on our Strategic Priorities and achieving our Community Outcomes

Engagement with the community and partners	Strategies, Plans and Partnerships	Long Term Plan and Annual Plan	Our service delivery approach	Monitoring and reporting on our progress
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**MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE / NGĀ ĀRAHINA MAHINGA**

Chair	Councillor Chen
Deputy Chair	Councillor Chu
Membership	Councillor Daniels Councillor Galloway Councillor Johanson
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.
Meeting Cycle	Bimonthly
Reports To	Council

***Area of Focus***

The Multicultural Committee considers and reports to Council on the following matters:

- Overseeing the implementation of the Christchurch Multicultural Strategy – Our Future together, including the establishment of the Multicultural Advisory Group (MAG) and working together on the implementation plan to achieve the goals:
  - The Christchurch City Council is an inclusive and diverse organisation which reflects, understands and responds to the diversity of individuals and communities it serves.
  - All communities have equitable access to Council services and resources.
  - All residents are able to participate in Council decision-making.
  - Christchurch is a city of cultural vibrancy, diversity, inclusion and connection.
- Working in partnership with the existing mandated community networks/forums to promote the goals of the Christchurch Multicultural Strategy. These include:
  - The Multicultural Council
  - INFORM Network
  - CLING (Community Languages and Information Network Group)
  - Multicultural Strategy Implementation Committee
  - Canterbury Interfaith Society
  - Other peak groups that represent the interests of many.
- Engaging with a range of ethnic communities who live, work, visit and/or study in Greater Christchurch to ensure that everyone has a voice in Council decision making.

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Part A	Matters Requiring a Council Decision
Part B	Reports for Information
Part C	Decisions Under Delegation

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## **1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

## **2. Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

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

That the minutes of the Multicultural Committee meeting held on [Wednesday, 2 December 2020](#) be confirmed (refer page 6).

## **4. Public Forum / Te Huinga Tūmatanui**

A period of up to 30 minutes may be available for people to speak for up to five minutes on any issue that is not the subject of a separate hearings process.

## **5. Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga**

There were no deputations by appointment at the time the agenda was prepared.

## **6. Updates from Mandated Groups / Ngā Kōrero nā Ngā Rōpū-tuku-mana**

### **6.1 Indian Social & Cultural Club Update**

Monty Parti, President of the Indian Social & Cultural Club, Christchurch, will provide an update on Diwali 2020.

### **6.2 Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment – Relationship Manager - Update**

Tony McNeill, Relationship Manager of MBIE will provide an update on the refugee quota system and COVID-19 issues.

### **6.3 Multicultural Advisory Group Update**

Henry Jaiswal, Deputy Chair of the Multicultural Advisory Group, will provide an update on behalf of the Group Chair, Katrina Azer.

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## Multicultural Committee OPEN MINUTES

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**Date:** Wednesday 2 December 2020  
**Time:** 1.05pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, Level 2, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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**Present**

Chairperson	Councillor Jimmy Chen
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Catherine Chu by audio visual link
Members	Councillor James Daniels
	Councillor Yani Johanson

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2 December 2020

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**Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision**

**Part B Reports for Information**

**Part C Decisions Under Delegation**

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

**1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha**

**Part C**

**Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00011**

That the apology received from Councillor Galloway be accepted.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Daniels

Carried

**2. Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga**

**Part B**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

**3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes / Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua**

**Part C**

**Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00012**

That the minutes of the Multicultural Committee meeting held on Monday, 5 October 2020 be confirmed.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Chen

Carried

**4. Public Forum / Te Huinga Tūmatanui**

**Part B**

Dr Surinder Tandon of the Christchurch Multicultural Council gave a public forum. This included information about the inquiry into the terrorist attack on the Christchurch mosques. Dr Tandon explained that the Multicultural Council partnered with the Christchurch Metropolitan Cricket Association regarding unity and diversity through cricket. An invitation would be extended to the Committee members in relation to an upcoming cricket event.

**5. Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga**

**Part B**

There were no deputations by appointment.

## 6. Updates from Mandated Groups / Ngā Kōrero nā Ngā Rōpū-tuku-mana

### Part B

#### 6.1 Canterbury Refugee Resettlement and Resource Centre - Update

Ahmed Tani, Executive Director of the Canterbury Refugee Resettlement and Resource Centre (CRRRC) along with Sally Pitama, updated the Committee on the CRRRC organisation that has been set up to help all communities, and the projects currently underway. He stressed the importance of keeping families together, and talked about the issues relating to the lack of funding to cover workloads. He responded to questions about funding sources.

#### Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00013

### Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks Ahmed Tani for his presentation on the Canterbury Refugee and Resource Resettlement and Resource Centre.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Daniels

Carried

## 7. Multicultural Advisory Group - 5 November 2020 - Notes

### Committee Comment

1. Patrick O'Connor, Henry Jaiswal, and Shreejana Chhetri, members of the Multicultural Advisory Group (MAG), updated the Committee about the work of the MAG. Henry has been appointed officially as Deputy Chair of the MAG.
2. The minutes of the MAG meeting were appended to the agenda. Patrick provided thanks to everyone for providing information to the MAG, including Claire Appleby-Phillips regarding the Strengthening Communities Fund initiative, Anna Elphick from ChristchurchNZ, Nigel Cox CCC Sports and Events, and Katy McRae, CCC Engagement Team.
3. Shreejana spoke about the "One Every Five Minutes" evening to be held at Tūranga Library on 15 December 2020 from 5-7pm. This will be a panel discussion on the future of gender-based violence in Aotearoa. An invitation will be extended to Councillors to the event.
4. Discussion was held about trying to reduce racism and MAG members agreed to give that matter further consideration at a future MAG meeting.

#### Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00014

### Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the verbal report from Patrick O'Connor, Henry Jaiswal and Shreejana Chhetri on the Multicultural Advisory Group notes of 5 November 2020.



2. Thank the MAG for the commitment as volunteers to attend the meetings.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Daniels

**Carried**

## **8. Update from CCC Recreation, Sports & Events Unit**

### **Committee Comment**

1. David Bailey, Manager of CCC Recreation and Sports Services provided the meeting with a presentation about the activities undertaken to support the Multicultural Strategy in the Council's Recreation and Sports facilities in the city, including a working group set up to work on initiatives and new practices for the facilities.
2. Discussion was held about separated spaces in some of the facilities for independent swimming. Information on which pools provide this service will be provided to the Committee.

### **Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00015**

#### **Part C**

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the Recreation, Sports & Events update by David Bailey, Manager Recreation and Sports Services.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Chu

**Carried**

## **9. Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan Update**

### **Committee Comment**

1. Claire Appleby-Phillips spoke to her report about the work on the implementation of the Multicultural Strategy. This included about Funds available, including the Annual Strengthening Communities Fund and the Community Activation Fund. Information on other funds given will be advised to the Committee.
2. Information was requested to be provided to the Committee about support for the Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre.
3. Discussion was held about a possible stocktake of the types of ethnic communities facilities across the city.

### **Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00016**

#### **Part C**

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the report on the Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan update.

2. Ask staff to provide a stocktake of ethnic community facilities across the city that provide cultural and educational spaces for their respective communities.

Councillor Daniels/Councillor Johanson

**Carried**

## **10. Multicultural Strategy Implementation Update of Timelines**

### **Committee Comment**

1. Claire Appleby-Phillips tabled the current Annual Diversity and Inclusion Report for members' information.
2. Staff were requested to provide:
  - a. an update to the next meeting on statistics relating to voter turnout by ethnic groups;
  - b. a memo about how the needs of diverse communities are taken into consideration in local emergency welfare planning, from Civil Defence.
3. Councillor Chen thanked Claire for the comprehensive report.
4. On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Chen acknowledged all staff for their work with the Committee in relation to monitoring of the Strategy, and effective and efficient meetings.

### **Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00017**

#### **Part C**

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan progress update report.
2. Note amended timeframes for completion where appropriate.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Daniels

**Carried**

Karakia/Whakamutunga – Councillor Daniels

**Meeting concluded at 2.55pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021**



**COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

## 7. Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack on Christchurch Masjidain on 15 March 2019

Reference / Te Tohutoro: 21/68867

Report of / Te Pou

Matua:

Gary Watson, Principal Advisor

General Manager /

Pouwhakarae:

Mary Richardson, GM Citizens and Community

### 1. Brief Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Multicultural Committee to receive correspondence from the Office of the Mayor (**Attachment A**) about the Royal Commission of Inquiry's Report into the terrorist attack on Christchurch Masjidain on 15 March 2019 (the report).
- 1.2 A link to the Royal Commission of Inquiry's report is available in this report below the Attachments.
- 1.3 The Royal Commission released the report into the terrorist attacks on 8 December 2020. The report contains recommendations which are of direct interest and impact on the multicultural community of Christchurch, as well as some recommendations of direct relevance to local government.

### 2. Officer Recommendations / Ngā Tūtohu

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the correspondence from the Office of the Mayor, Christchurch City Council about the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack on Christchurch Masjidain on 15 March 2019.
2. Request staff try to arrange for a briefing by the Royal Commission/Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for Councillors and members of the Multicultural Advisory Group.
3. Formally consider the report and engage with the Multicultural Advisory Group and other relevant organisations to consider next steps.
4. Report back to the Council on the outcome of the engagement.

## Attachments / Ngā Tāpirihanga

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A <a href="#">↓</a>	Letter from Mayor Dalziel on Royal Commission Inquiry Report into the Terrorist Attacks	13

In addition to the attached documents, the following background information is available:

Document Name	Location / File Link
Royal Commission of Inquiry Report into the terrorist attack on Christchurch Masjidain on 15 March 2019	<a href="https://christchurchattack.royalcommission.nz/the-report/download-report/download-the-report/">https://christchurchattack.royalcommission.nz/the-report/download-report/download-the-report/</a>

## Confirmation of Statutory Compliance / Te Whakatūtutanga ā-Ture

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
- (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.

(b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

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Office of The Mayor

Christchurch  
City Council 

19 January 2021

Councillor Jimmy Chen  
Chair Multicultural Committee  
Christchurch City Council

Dear Jimmy

**RE: The Royal Commission of Inquiry's Report into the terrorist attack on  
Christchurch Masjidain on 15 March 2019**

As you are aware, the Royal Commission released their above report into the  
terrorist attacks on the 8 December 2020

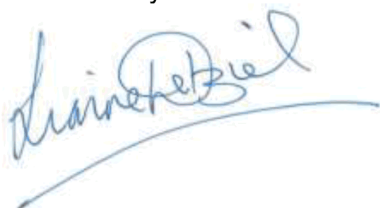
<https://christchurchattack.royalcommission.nz/the-report/>

The report contains recommendations which are of direct interest and impact on the  
multicultural community of Christchurch, as well as containing a few  
recommendations of direct relevance to local government.

I am aware that the Royal Commission/DPMC staff have subsequently met with the  
affected community, including the widows, to discuss the findings and  
recommendations with them. I also understand they will be returning to Christchurch  
soon and so I will ask your Committee's Principal Advisor to arrange for a briefing of  
Councillors and members of your Advisory Group.

I would like the Multicultural Committee to formally consider the report and engage  
with the Advisory Group and other relevant organisations to consider next steps and  
report back to the Council.

Yours sincerely



Lianne Dalziel  
**MAYOR**

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