



# Greater Christchurch Partnership

## Te Tira Tū Tahī

One Group, Standing Together

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## Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee OPEN MINUTES

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**Date:** Friday 8 August 2025  
**Time:** 9:04 am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury,  
200 Tuam Street, Christchurch

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### Present

#### Members

Chair Craig Pauling , Environment Canterbury (Interim Chair)  
Gail Gordon - Mana Whenua  
Tania Wati , Mana Whenua  
Mayor Phil Mauger , Christchurch City Council  
Councillor Victoria Henstock - Christchurch City Council  
Councillor Sara Templeton , Christchurch City Council  
Councillor Grant Edge - Environment Canterbury  
Councillor Vicky Southworth , Environment Canterbury  
Mayor Sam Broughton , Selwyn District Council (via audio/visual)  
Councillor Lydia Gliddon , Selwyn District Council  
Councillor Nicole Reid - Selwyn District Council  
Mayor Dan Gordon , Waimakariri District Council  
Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson , Waimakariri District Council  
Councillor Niki Mealings , Waimakariri District Council  
(Non-Voting Member) Ian Duncan , Waka Kotahi (New Zealand Transport Agency)

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## Karakia mō te Tīmatataka Opening Incantation

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the sea</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day</i>
Tihei Mauri Ora	

### 1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

#### Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00017

That the apologies from Dr Te Maire Tau and Dr Anna Stevenson for absence, and Mayor Gordon for a possible an early departure, be accepted.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Councillor Niki Mealings

**Carried**

### 2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Tani Wati declared an interest in Item 6 - *He Rautaki mō Kāinga Nohoanga*.

### 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/2025/00018

That the minutes of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee meeting held on Friday, 23 May 2025 be confirmed.

Councillor Grant Edge/Mayor Phil Mauger

**Carried**

### 5. Secretariat Update

#### Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00019

**Officer Recommendation accepted without change**

#### Part B

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives and notes** the Greater Christchurch Partnership Secretariat update.

Councillor Sara Templeton/Councillor Victoria Henstock

**Carried**

Tania Wati left the meeting at 10.21am and returned at 10.24 during consideration of Item 8.

Councillor Templeton left the meeting at 10.33am and returned at 10.35 during consideration of Item 8.

## 8. Greater Christchurch Partnership Review - Independent Findings

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00020

**Officer Recommendations accepted without change**

#### Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives** the Independent Review Insights Report (Attachment B) and the Independent Review of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Report (Attachment C).
2. **Notes** that the independent review by Martin Jenkins was conducted in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference (Attachment A).
3. **Notes** the extension of the interim chair arrangement until the incoming Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee has made decisions on the recommendations of the Independent Review of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Report.
4. **Notes** the Chief Executive Advisory Group will initiate scoping of the review's Phase 1 recommendations for consideration by the incoming Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee.
5. **Recommends** that the incoming Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee receives and considers the Independent Review of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Report.

Councillor Victoria Henstock/Mayor Dan Gordon

**Carried**

## 6. He Rautaki mō Kāinga Nohoanga – Greater Christchurch

### Committee Comment

Kyle Davis from Whitiora Centre Ltd introduced the report and spoke to his presentation (attached).

**Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00021**

**Officer Recommendations accepted without change**

#### Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:


1. **Receives** the He Rautaki mō Kāinga Nohoanga – Greater Christchurch.
2. **Requests** Partners work collaboratively to prepare for a workshop with the incoming Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee on He Rautaki mō Kāinga Nohoanga – Greater Christchurch to shape its implementation.

3. **Notes** that this preparation will be undertaken with oversight provided by the Chief Executives Advisory Group.

Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson/Councillor Sara Templeton

**Carried**

**Attachments**

- A He Rautaki mō Kāinga Nohoanga – Greater Christchurch 

## 7. Proposed Partnership submission on the Government's Going for Housing Growth Discussion Paper

### Committee Comment

1. The Committee agreed that Interim Chair make minor changes to the submission:
  - a. To further emphasise the importance of the blue-green network in supporting quality development, cost-effective stormwater management.
  - b. Ensuring close alignment of both the national policy statement on freshwater and urban development.
  - c. Acknowledge receipt of He Rautaki mō Kāinga Nohoanga, noting further work to follow on its implementation and that both the Partnership and individual councils are progressively working to resolve issues. A reference to the inclusion of Māori Purpose Zone and 'deeming' mechanism are seen as essential .

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00022

### Officer Recommendations accepted without change

#### Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives and endorses** the Greater Christchurch Partnership submission on the Government's Going for Housing Growth Discussion Paper.
2. **Approves and delegates** authority to the Interim Chair of the Greater Christchurch Partnership to oversee final editorial changes to correct any typographical or formatting errors in the document, and to submit the final version to the Ministry for the Environment on behalf of the Partnership by 17 August 2025.

Councillor Sara Templeton/Mayor Dan Gordon

**Carried**

Councillor Reid left the meeting at 11.21 and returned at 11.25am during the consideration of Item 9.

## 9. Briefing to the Incoming Committee

### Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00023

### Officer Recommendations accepted without change

#### Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receive and support** the briefing to the incoming Committee (**Attachment A**), being provided to the incoming Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee, supplemented with relevant Greater Christchurch Partnership documents.
2. **Recommend** to the incoming Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee that, at their first meeting on Friday 5 December 2025, they:
  - a. **Receive** the briefing to the incoming Committee.
  - b. **Appoint** an Interim Chair until the GCP Independent Review is concluded and decisions have been made by the Committee. Noting this is a temporary variation of the Memorandum of Agreement.
  - c. **Note** proposed meeting dates and arrangements for 2026.

Councillor Lydia Gliddon/Councillor Victoria Henstock

**Carried**

### **Karakia – Whakakapi Closing Incantation**

(Secretarial note: This was given at the conclusion of the Information session/workshop that followed this meeting)

**Meeting concluded at 11.27am.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 5th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025**