



Greater Christchurch Partnership

Te Tira Tū Tahī

One Group, Standing Together

Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Friday 5 December 2025
Time: 9.15am
Venue: Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury,
200 Tuam Street, Christchurch

Present

Members

Tania Wati - Mana Whenua
Gail Gordon - Mana Whenua
Mayor Phil Mauger - Christchurch City Council
Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock - Christchurch City Council
Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt - Christchurch City Council
Chair Dr Deon Swiggs - Environment Canterbury
Councillor Joe Davies - Environment Canterbury
Councillor Nettles Lamont - Environment Canterbury
Mayor Lydia Gliddon - Selwyn District Council
Deputy Mayor Big Red Shefford - Selwyn District Council
Councillor Sophie McInnes - Selwyn District Council
Mayor Dan Gordon - Waimakariri District Council
Deputy Mayor Philip Redmond - Waimakariri District Council
Councillor Niki Mealings - Waimakariri District Council
(Non-Voting Member) James Caygill - 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/2025/00024

That the apologies from Dr Te Maire Tau, Dr Anna Stevenson for absence be accepted.

Councillor Niki Mealings/Chair Dr Deon Swiggs

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. Briefing and decisions for the Incoming Committee

Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives** the briefing to the incoming Committee (**Attachment A**), supplemented with relevant Greater Christchurch Partnership documents.
2. **Notes** the proposed meeting dates and arrangements for 2026 (Attachment B).
3. **Appoints** [James Caygill] to Chair the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee for the remainder of this meeting.

Either:

4. **Approves** the recruitment for the new Interim Independent Chair through an Expression of Interest process to be undertaken in December, with the intent that the appointee to this role commences prior to the March 2026 Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee meeting and continue through to the end of June 2026. Noting the

appointment of an Interim Independent Chair is a temporary variation of the Memorandum of Agreement.

5. **Establishes** a Selection Panel (Panel) to carry out the appointment process established in Recommendation 4 using the position description (Attachment C), which will be comprised of between three and five Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee members, supported by Chief Executives and staff to ensure the recruitment conforms with the relevant organisational policy requirements.
6. **Delegates** authority to the Chief Executives Advisory Group to appoint the Selection Panel for the Interim Independent Chair with consideration given to partner recommendations.
7. **Delegates** the authority to the Panel to appoint the Interim Independent Chair and maintain the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee's momentum into 2026.
8. **Notes** there is up to \$40,000 available to fund the Interim Independent Chair role through to the end of June 2026.

Or:

9. **Appoint** *[insert Committee member name]* to the role of Interim Chair of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee through to the end of June 2026 or sooner should the Committee make decisions on the implementation of the Independent Review within this timeframe. Noting the appointment of an Interim Chair is a temporary variation of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00025

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives** the briefing to the incoming Committee (**Attachment A**), supplemented with relevant Greater Christchurch Partnership documents.
2. **Notes** the proposed meeting dates and arrangements for 2026 (Attachment B).
3. **Appoints** James Caygill to the role of Interim Chair of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee through to the end of June 2026 or sooner should the Committee make decisions on the implementation of the Independent Review within this timeframe. Noting the appointment of an Interim Chair is a temporary variation of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Chair Dr Deon Swiggs

Carried

The meeting adjourned during item 5 at 9.40 am and reconvened at 9.49 am.

5. Secretariat and Work Programme Update

Committee Comment

1. The Chair noted that staff recommendations 1 and 2 would be dealt with first and asked for a mover and seconder for these recommendations. Deputy Mayor Henstock moved these recommendations which were seconded by Gail Gordon. This motion was passed.

2. The Committee then considered the remaining staff recommendations. Chair Swiggs moved amended staff recommendations 4 and 5 and the removal of staff recommendation 3. This was seconded by Mayor Gordon. This motion was passed.

Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives and notes** the Greater Christchurch Partnership Secretariat and work programme update.
2. **Notes** the significance of the Resource Management Reforms to the Greater Christchurch Partnership and Partner organisations, the importance of the Partnership making a submission, and acknowledges that the consultation period and submission window are expected to be limited and not aligned with the scheduled GCP Committee meetings.
3. **Requests** officers prepare a Greater Christchurch Partnership submission on the proposed Resource Management reforms for submitting within the consultation period.
4. **Delegates** authority to the Chief Executives Advisory Group to approve the final submission on the proposed Resource Management reforms on behalf of the Greater Christchurch Partnership.
5. **Notes** the final submission will be circulated to Committee members prior to being submitted and will be tabled for retrospective endorsement at the March 2026 Committee meeting.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00026

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

1. **Receives and notes** the Greater Christchurch Partnership Secretariat and work programme update.
2. **Notes** the significance of the Resource Management Reforms to the Greater Christchurch Partnership and Partner organisations, the importance of the Partnership making a submission, and acknowledges that the consultation period and submission window are expected to be limited and not aligned with the scheduled GCP Committee meetings.

Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock/Gail Gordon

Carried

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00027

Part C

4. **Requests** the Chief Executives Advisory Group consider preparing a submission on the proposed Resource Management reforms on behalf of the Greater Christchurch Partnership.
5. **Notes** a final submission would be circulated to the Committee members for approval prior to being submitted and would be tabled for retrospective endorsement at the March 2026 Committee meeting.

Chair Dr Deon Swiggs/Mayor Dan Gordon

Carried

6. Implementing the Greater Christchurch Partnership Independent Review

Secretarial note: A presentation was given by Sara Baddeley and Cat Moody from Martin Jenkins (Attached). This presented the findings of the Independent Partnership Review, set in the context of recent Government announcements and forthcoming reforms.

Committee Resolved GCPC/2025/00028

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

Part C

That the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee:

Part 1 – Foundations of the Independent Partnership Review

1. **Receives** the **Independent Review Insights Report** and the **Independent Review of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Report**, summarised within the **presentation by Martin Jenkins at the August 2025 Committee meeting**.
2. **Notes** that the independent review by Martin Jenkins was conducted in accordance with the approved **Terms of Reference**.

Part 2 – Advancing implementation of the Review

3. **Notes** the Chief Executive Advisory Group have overseen implementation of the Independent Review's Phase 1 recommendations with preparatory materials developed by Martin Jenkins for consideration by the incoming Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee (**Attachment A**);
4. **Notes** the Chief Executive Advisory Group aims to secure decisions by the Committee on implementation of the Review at the March 2026 Committee meeting.

Councillor Joe Davies/Councillor Nettles Lamont

Carried

Attachments

A Martin Jenkins Presentation 5 December 2025 

Karakia – Whakakapi Closing Incantation

Ka whakairia te tapu	Restrictions are moved aside
Kia watea ai te ara	So the pathway is clear
Kia tūruki whakataha ai	To return to everyday activities
Kia tūruki whakataha ai	

Hui e, tāiki e

Enriched, unified and blesses

Meeting concluded at 10.39am.

CONFIRMED THIS 6th DAY OF March 2026