

Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch Interim Group



The Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch Interim Group had its fifth meeting in October.

Key points from the October 2017 meeting

- The Interim Group is beginning to discuss questions about the future – who should be sitting around the table in 2018? What conversations should occur around the table? What level of conversation should be occurring?
- The Interim Group is committed to in-depth engagement with signatories. The group agreed to a hui, which will take place at the Lincoln Event Centre on Friday 24 November. All signatories and potential signatories are welcome. We note a separate event will be held in Waimakariri in early 2018 to link in with an existing network meeting. An invitation will be shared with signatories when further details are finalised.
- The work plan priority areas are being translated into a series of tangible actions.
- The group continues its search for a catchier name than 'Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch'. Feel free to share your suggestions.

Who is a part of the Interim Group?

The Interim Group is made up of participants similar to those who participated on the Advisory Group. Participants may change as the Interim Group becomes clearer about what it needs to do.

Current participating organisations include:

- Christchurch City Council – Helen Beaumont
- Community & Public Health – Sandy Brinsdon and Sara Epperson
- Environment Canterbury – Vanessa Scott
- Greater Christchurch Partnership – Keith Tallentire
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD) – Marie Ward
- NGO signatories/SEWN – Sharon Torstonson
- Selwyn District Council – Lisa Larkin
- Mana Whenua ki Waitaha – Wendy Dallas-Katoa
- Waimakariri District Council – Tessa Sturley

Thanks also to Gavin Thomas (CCC), Claire Bryant (CCC), and Nadja Grabner-Thornley (GCP) for participating.

Why an Interim Group?

The [Greater Christchurch Partnership](#) identified Healthy Christchurch as a lead for the 'Health & Communities' stream of the [Urban Development Strategy](#), along with the Selwyn and Waimakariri District Councils. This means we have an opportunity to formally strengthen and expand our network and enhance its regional relevance.

The Interim Group will formalise a decision about whether to expand the network or not. The group will also be tasked with developing a Terms of Reference for the next Advisory Group, developing a high-level work programme and continuing to engage with signatories throughout its processes.

Like the existing initiative, an expanded network would still lead new projects, be a vehicle for communication and consultation with communities, and provide a mechanism to be voice at decision making tables around the region.