

## Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch Interim Group



The Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch Interim Group met at the end of January.

### Key points from the January 2018 meeting

The group suggested key messages that make it clearer what the group is working on. In the meantime, as the work plan progresses, key messages from this meeting are:

- The Interim Group will continue in the future but drop the 'interim' title and become the 'Advisory Group'. We are following up with two potential new member organisations, Oranga Tamariki and Maata Waka.
- Everyone is encouraged to promote the hui (16 February, 9am – 2:30pm at Lincoln Event Centre) widely to their networks and/or organisation(s).
- At the hui, Interim Group members will pitch workplan priorities of Urban Design and Health in All Policies, Housing Strategy, Community Development, and Engagement with Signatories.

The group will be called Healthy Greater Christchurch until a new name is identified.

### 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 – Miria Goodwin
- 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 Claire Bryant (CCC), Paul Cottam (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.