



In late March, the Healthy (Greater) Christchurch Advisory Group had its first meeting since the Hui.

Key points from the March 2018 meeting

- Hui participants reported that overall, the hui was informative and engaging. The Advisory Group took on board some of the constructive comments in the evaluation and:
 - Will hold a lunchtime seminar with a focus on NGO input to the advisory group, what it entails, and how it could be appointed in the future.
 - Will update information on the website to better explain the relationship with the Greater Christchurch Partnership and to invite feedback on the draft refresh of the Charter (which has largely stood the test of time).
 - Noted the feedback about the desire to be kept informed about actions that progressed from the hui
- The advisory group is drafting a reporting template to communicate progress on the workplan to both the Greater Christchurch Partnership and to Healthy (Greater) Christchurch signatories.
- The advisory group is in discussion about regional communication and cross-promotion of community seminars, workshops, etc.
- The 'Interim Working Group' has now evolved into the 'Advisory Group.'

Who is a part of the Advisory Group?

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

Current participating organisations include:

- Christchurch City Council – Paul Cottam
- Community & Public Health – Sandy Brinsdon, Gail McLauchlan, and Sara Epperson
- Environment Canterbury – Miria Goodwin/Sam Bellamy
- Greater Christchurch Partnership – Nadja Grabner-Thornley
- 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

Why Healthy Greater Christchurch?

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. A working group convened and decided to formally expand Healthy Christchurch to Healthy (Greater) Christchurch.

The group has developed a high-level work programme and will continue to engage with signatories as this progresses. The initiative will continue to 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.