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## Partner Councils adopt the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and Joint Housing Action Plan.

**Following endorsement by the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee, the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and the Joint Housing Action Plan have now been formally adopted by Partner Councils.**

During March 2024 all Partner Councils adopted the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, which also became their Future Development Strategy.

The partners are now underway with implementation of the joint work programme, including delivery of phase one of the Joint Housing Action Plan. The Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee will receive biannual updates on the progress of the joint work programme.

Please refer to our website for further information and documents related to the [Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan \(contact the secretariat if you would like a hard copy\)](#) or the [Joint Housing Action Plan](#).

An [opinion piece from the Property Council](#) recently highlighted the importance of the GCSP to Greater Christchurch.

*“Greater Christchurch is uniquely positioned to proactively plan for its future and avoid some of the structural issues that have plagued our other major cities. This will take bold and decisive action from our local government leaders and a vision that the development community can support and deliver on beyond the Christchurch Blueprint”*

### Travel Demand Management Update

**Travel Demand Management (TDM) is the application of strategies, policies and initiatives to reduce travel demand, or to redistribute this demand across multiple modes of transport. In transport, managing demand can be a cost-effective alternative to increasing capacity and also has the potential to deliver better environmental, social and economic outcomes.**

The Travel Demand Management Implementation Plan emerged from recommendations within the Greater Christchurch Travel Demand Management Single Stage Business Case. CCC delivers a suite of TDM initiatives on behalf of the Greater Christchurch Partnership. In 2021-24, the TDM team delivered workplace travel planning, school travel planning, adult cycle skills training and personalised journey planning/ customer research in targeted areas to encourage behaviour change. The plan is currently being reviewed following learnings from 2021 - 24 delivery and a subsequent Technical Memorandum produced by GHD, that summarises research and interventions that could be implemented to improve travel choices and contribute towards reducing emissions.

We are tracking well against the FY 24 targets for Workplace and Personalised journey planning and are currently seeing a **42%** increase on our total target delivery.

Large-scale engagements have included: Grand Central, Suncorp, Marian High School staff, Te Whatu Ora orientations, CCC inductions, the Justice Precinct, Pegasus Health, and 2 phases of the Port-to-Port Personalised Journey Planning.

To date 226 Metro cards have been given out through workplace engagements and 541 Metro cards through the Port-to-Port delivery. 400 participants have gone through Adult Bike skills courses or community rides.

School travel planning delivery has pivoted to delivering our Good-to-Go ways to get to school programme. 42 schools have joined the programme and our Travel Planners have delivered "in class" workshops around active travel, safer speeds and how to catch a bus at 12 different schools. Upcoming activity includes annual surveys for schools and workplaces that will take place in May.



### Work Programme Updates

**Greater Christchurch Transport Plan (GCTP)** - The GCTP was originally placed on hold to prioritise the Vehicle Kilometres Travelled Reduction Programme. With the change of government, the VKT Reduction Programme has now been discontinued. Hence the focus shifted back toward progressing the GCTP. The GCTP has been rescoped and the development of a draft is due to be completed around June/July 2024.

**Mass Rapid Transit** - Land use and staging work related to route protection is the current key focus. MRT funding has been included in the Regional Land Transport Plan, State Highway Improvement Programme and Long Term Ps. Submissions have been made by partners for MRT to be included in the final GPS. The integration with PT Futures is ongoing, with encouragement to invest early on the MRT route to build patronage. We will provide a further update following confirmation of partner investment.

**Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP)** - ECan staff are working with transport officers that support both the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee and Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee on the refresh of the RPTP. The timeline for the RPTP will now see GCPC being asked to endorse the draft for consultation at their August meeting. Public consultation will occur in September with hearings taking place in November 2024.

# What are Priority Development Areas?

**Priority Development Areas (PDAs) are a mechanism or tool for coordinated and aligned action across multiple agencies to accelerate development in selected areas.**

Priority Development Areas (PDAs) are a core component of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan (GCSP) and a key tool for progressing shared objectives through the Joint Work Programme. Priority Development Areas:

- Provide a mechanism for coordinated, aligned and focused action across multiple agencies
- Prioritise and unlock investment
- Drive collective accountability

The Priority Development Areas have been identified through technical evaluation and include areas that offer significant opportunities for change in Greater Christchurch.

Priority Areas arising from Te Tiriti Partnership	Priority Development Areas	Priority Regeneration Area	
Kāinga nohoanga on Māori Reserves and within urban areas	Rangiora Town Centre and surrounds	Eastern Christchurch area	
	Mass rapid transit phase one corridor		Papanui
			Central City
			Riccarton
	Hornby		
	Rolleston Town Centre and surrounds		

Staff from across the partnership will come together at the end of May to workshop the approach to implementing the Priority Development Areas and to consider how we might define, scope and consider what coordination is required to deliver partnership-linked actions in support of successful area development.

We will keep you up to date as the work develops. Check out our website for more information on [PDAs](#)

## GCPC welcomes a new health representative

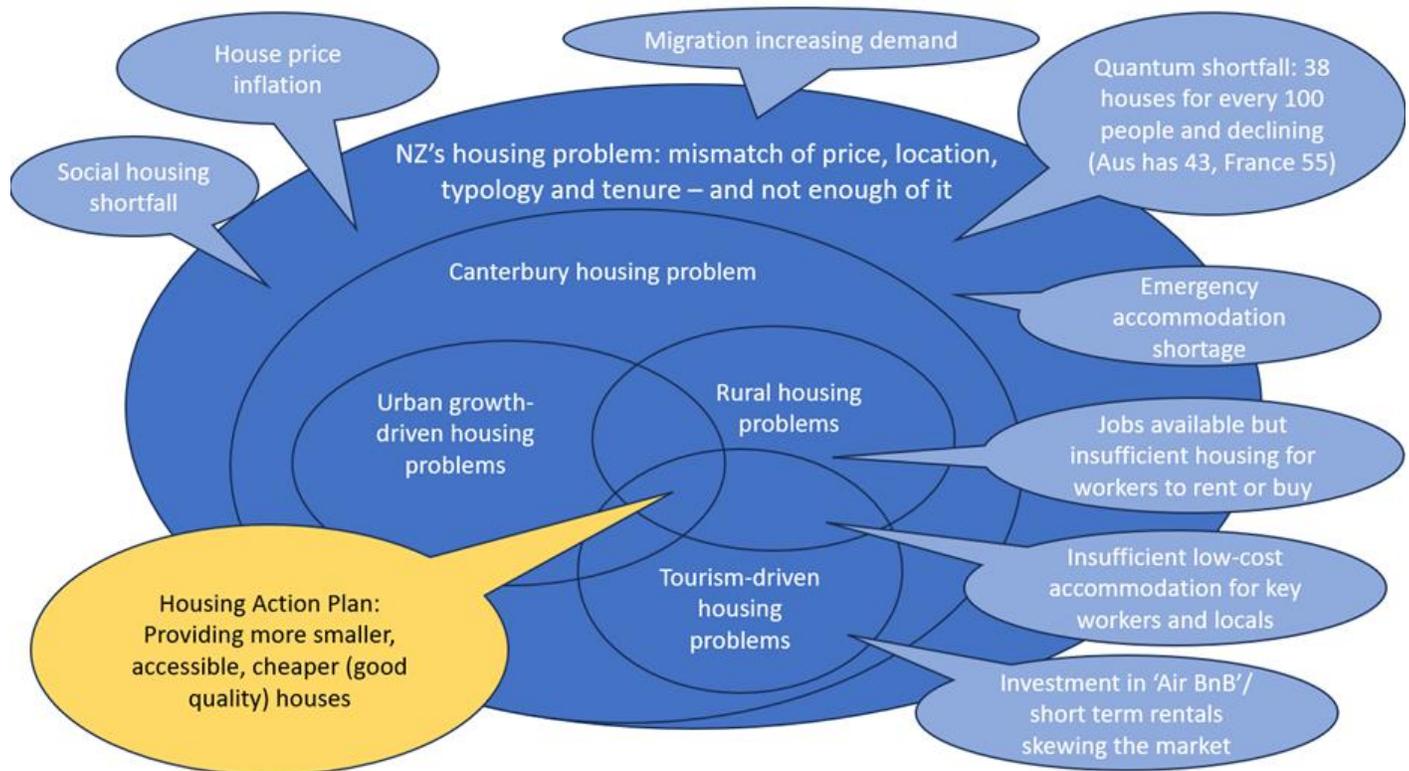


**Dr Anna Stevenson** trained at Auckland Medical School and has worked in clinical practice in many different parts of New Zealand and overseas. After several years of General Practice mahi she retrained in Public Health Medicine. She has worked at the Public Health Unit in a variety of roles for fifteen years. Her interests lie in how government agencies work together to support communities to flourish and make healthy choices. She has led work programmes on urban design, transport, alcohol harm minimisation and planetary health. She chairs the Policy Committee and is on the Council of the New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine. Anna worked with CCC staff to deliver a Health Impact Assessment on the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy in 2005/6 and was seconded to the UDS team in 2016 to provide a public health perspective on the project at that time. We warmly welcome Anna to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee.

# Joint Housing Action Plan

## Improving affordability and meeting the needs of the changing population: tackling the housing problem

The GCP collectively is tackling NZ's pervasive housing affordability crisis with the implementation of the joint Housing Action Plan. There is no single silver bullet: as the diagram below illustrates, housing unaffordability is a systemic issue requiring a collective approach. We are looking under every rock for solutions, and our partners – central government, local and regional government, and mana whenua – each have tools at their disposal that could help improve affordability and contribute to realising the aspirations of the Spatial Plan



Phase 1 of our plan comprises an integrated suite of actions that together will provide the foundation to improve housing affordability. We are progressing all in parallel and will present our consolidated picture to the GCP Committee later in the year.

### Phase 1 Actions

- 1 Identify publicly-owned sites appropriate for affordable housing development and determine what is required to enable development.
- 2 Identify mechanisms to enable development of affordable housing on public land.
- 3 Investigate collective inclusionary zoning across all three TAs to increase the supply of social and affordable rental housing.
- 4 Investigate incentives to encourage development of affordable rental housing.
- 5 Investigate expanding development contribution rebates to all councils, and including social, affordable rental and progressive home ownership.
- 6 Support nationwide advocacy to enable innovative approaches such as build-to-rent development.
- 7 Investigate expanding the Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust model.
- 8 Develop a monitoring and implementation framework to track progress.

Find out more about the [Joint Housing Action Plan](#) or email [lucy.baragwanath@greaterchristchurch.org.nz](mailto:lucy.baragwanath@greaterchristchurch.org.nz).

# Greater Christchurch Partnership Priorities Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to seek the GCP Committee's view on the priorities and work programme, whether there are other strategic and collaborative opportunities that might advance a collective approach in Greater Christchurch, and if there are further ways that we could work more efficiently and effectively.

The GCP priorities and work programme 2024/25 was confirmed, strongly emphasising the implementation of the GCSP. Participants also discussed how the partnership could potentially evolve to best serve the future needs of our communities and wider Canterbury.

View the [workshop notes](#) for further details on the discussion. The secretariat will work with partners to reflect on the workshop summary and provide further advice to the Committee at the August meeting.

## Celebrating success!

The [Huihui mai engagement](#) in early 2023 sought to elicit extensive community feedback on the draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan. The success of this engagement continues to be celebrated and we are pleased to advise that the campaign has been selected as a [finalist in the Public Relations Institute of New Zealand \(PRINZ\) awards \(community relations and engagement category\)](#).



*"Taking part in the Huihui Mai engagement process was a wonderful opportunity as a young person living in Greater Christchurch. This engagement facilitated youth voice by utilising numerous platforms and methods to reach a wide range of young people. It was encouraging to attend the submission hearing 'Youth Day' in person and to see the impact of youth giving their views on the realities and future of our area. Each event I attended made me feel that the Huihui Mai engagement was authentically valuing youth voice and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to take part"* (Ruby Wilson, Co-Chair of the Waimakariri Youth Council).

*"A significant feature of the Huihui Mai engagement, the formal submissions and hearings process has been the active and insightful participation of young Canterbury people. In my experience this successful youth engagement and participation model is an outstanding and leading example of youth engagement in a critical future focused strategic planning process in New Zealand. I congratulate the Greater Christchurch Secretariat for actively facilitating this youth voice input and acknowledge and thank all the young people who made submissions and spoke to the panel. The considered and consistent views of the young people of Greater Christchurch on key future planning issues for the region had a real influence on the form and details of the Panel's recommendations"* (Stephen Daysh, Independent Chair of the Hearings Panel).



## Want to find out more?

Agendas and minutes for the Greater Christchurch Partnership are available at <https://greaterchristchurch.org.nz/meetings/>

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