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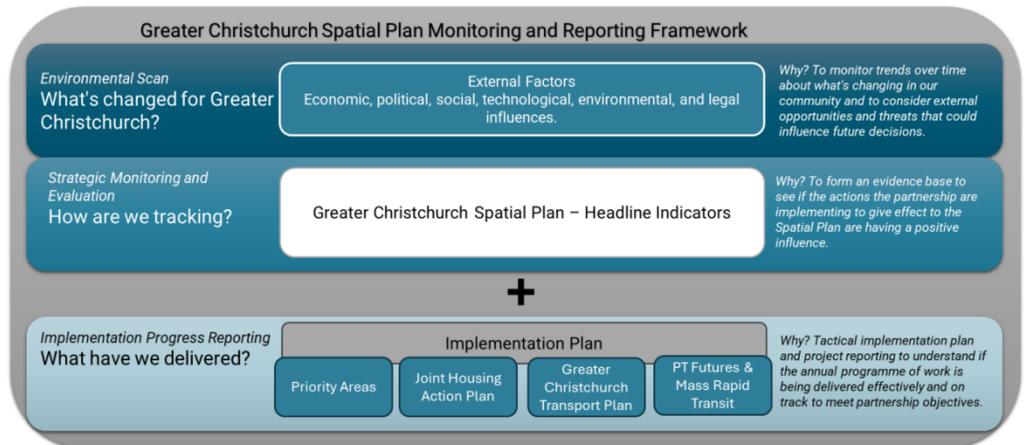
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From plans to progress: Setting milestones and measuring impact

The Committee has recently endorsed the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Implementation Plan, marking a step forward in turning strategic vision into tangible outcomes. This Implementation Plan outlines in greater detail how the Greater Christchurch Partnership will deliver on the goals of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan (GCSP).

It provides the Committee and its officers with enhanced visibility into planned initiatives—highlighting specific actions, timelines, indicative costs, and key milestones. This clarity supports more informed decision-making and ensures alignment across partners as they work toward shared outcomes.

Developed collaboratively through the Planning Managers Group and the Senior Officials Group, the Implementation Plan is a vital tool for tracking progress. It enables the Partnership to monitor operational performance and delivery against agreed projects and programmes.

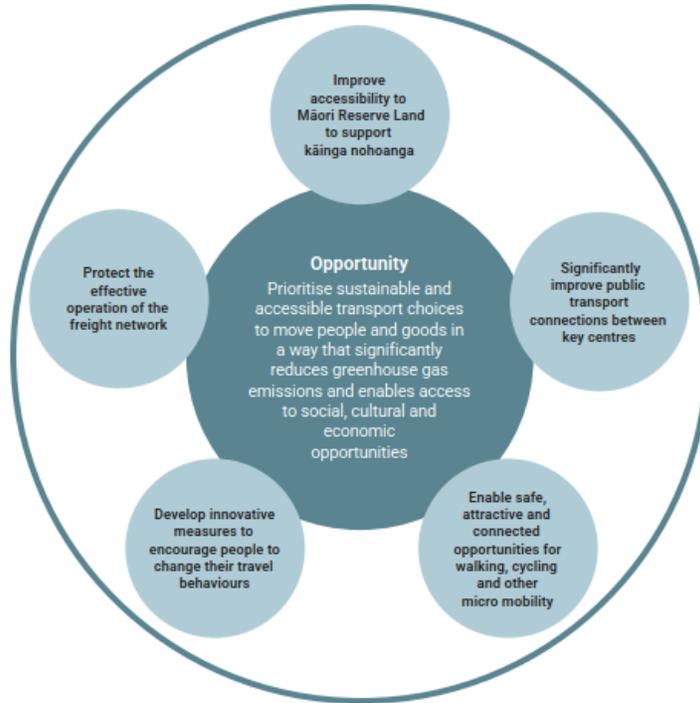
To ensure transparency and accountability, the Implementation Plan will be:

- Reported to the Committee every six months, and
- Reviewed annually to reflect progress and evolving priorities.

While the focus is firmly on future milestones, the Committee also received the first Annual Report, offering a retrospective view of achievements and data trends.

This dual lens—looking forward and reflecting back—ensures that the Partnership remains both visionary and grounded in evidence-based progress.

Greater Christchurch Transport Plan (GCTP) endorsed!



The Greater Christchurch Transport Plan identifies the transport system changes needed to implement the 30-year vision of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan. The transport plan focuses on strategy - the key things partnership members need to do together, and the commitments needed for success.

The plan was endorsed at the recent Committee meeting, reflecting strong alignment and shared purpose across the Partnership.

At its core, the GCTP is an implementation focused plan. It identifies the specific changes needed to realise the opportunities and directions set out in the GCSP, particularly those related to Opportunity Six, while also supporting and informing the broader opportunities of the Spatial Plan.

The GCTP is not a standalone document—it is intrinsically linked to other projects and initiatives within the Implementation Plan. As such, it will serve as a key reference point for aligning transport initiatives with wider regional goals.

Implementation and oversight will be coordinated by the Transport Managers Group, with governance and strategic direction provided by the Senior Officials Group.

Progress will be reported to the Committee in alignment with the broader GCSP monitoring and reporting framework, ensuring transparency and accountability as the plan moves from strategy to action.

Work Programme Updates

Draft Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-35 - At its May meeting, the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee endorsed the updated draft of the Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 and recommended it be adopted by the Canterbury Regional Council at its upcoming meeting in July 2025.

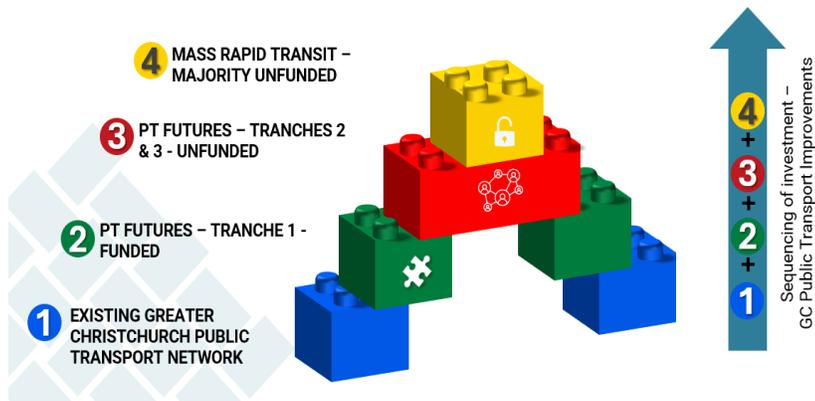
Once the final plan is adopted, the GCP RPTP Hearings Panel will be formally discharged.

Want to learn more? Visit the [Environment Canterbury website](#) to read the draft plan and find out how it will shape the future of transport in our region.

Priority Areas Update - The Priority Areas Programme is well underway. Since late 2024, the Secretariat has worked closely with Priority Area leads across councils and Mana Whenua to identify key priorities, understand barriers, and establish initial baselines for each priority area. This work has been summarised in a one-page overview, which will feature in regular reporting to the Committee every six months.

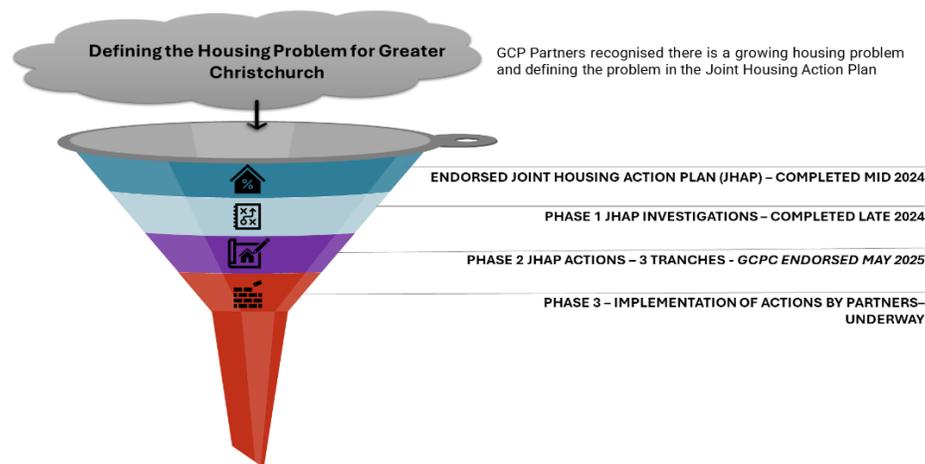
The Senior Officials Group (SOG) will serve as the Steering Committee for the programme. Senior representatives from other key organisations will be invited to participate in relevant discussions as needed. The first SOG Extension Group meeting is scheduled for June and will initially occur every two months.

The Greater Christchurch Public Transport Improvement programme remains a priority for partners.



A detailed update was provided to the Committee at the March meeting on MRT and its important links to PT Futures. We encourage you to read the [report for full details](#). The Committee has requested a further update towards the end of 2025.

Green Light for Action: Phase Two of the Joint Housing Action Plan Begins



The Committee endorsed the approach to phase two of the Joint Housing Action Plan. Of the 15 proposed actions:

- 7 actions were supported to progress immediately,
- 6 actions require further assessment and scoping,
- 2 actions are on hold pending government policy decisions.

The actions have been grouped into three tranches, prioritising those with minimal upfront financial impact. Further detail on costs, opportunities, and implementation challenges will be brought back to the Committee as work progresses.

Farewell Tracy Tierney, Director



Tracy Tierney, Director for GCP, left her role on Friday 11 April.

Tracy held the Director role for the past two years and in that time has seen exemplary collaboration and significant work achieved by the Partnership.

Tracy is looking forward to her new role as the Chief Executive for Epilepsy New Zealand.

John Bartels has stepped into the Director role on a fixed term basis. This provides seamless continuity, experienced leadership of the Secretariat and continued implementation of the work programme.

The Secretariat and wider partners are grateful for Tracy's servant leadership support for the partners and delivering outcomes for Greater Christchurch communities.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee Meeting Summary 7 March 2025

The [Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee agenda](#) for the Friday 7 March, saw the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee approve the Terms of Reference to begin a formal review of the Partnership. This review will help ensure the Partnership remains fit for purpose and aligned with the Greater Christchurch's evolving needs.

Chair Craig Pauling was appointed as Interim Chair and will continue in this role until the review is completed and its recommendations are considered by the Committee.

The Committee also received updates on several key initiatives, including:

- The Secretariat Work Programme
- The Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project
- The Joint Housing Action Plan
- Development of the Greater Christchurch Transport Plan

View the [full agenda](#) for the meeting to review the reports in detail or the [meeting notes for resolutions and decisions](#).

Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee Meeting Summary 23 May 2025

The [Committee agenda](#) for the Friday 23 May was a meeting of substance, with four items seeking the Committees endorsement and updates being provided on the Annual Report, Priority Areas and Secretariat activities. A brief summary of the items is included below:

[Draft Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-35](#) - The updated draft of the Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 was endorsed and recommended to the Canterbury Regional Council that it be adopted.

[Greater Christchurch Transport Plan \(GCTP\) Endorsement](#) - Jesse Burgess, Chair of the GCP Transport Manager Group, presented the final version of the Greater Christchurch Transport Plan for endorsement. The Greater Christchurch Transport Plan outlines the key actions needed to implement the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and was developed collaboratively with partners. The Committee first reviewed the draft back in March. Now the final plan is endorsed it will be published on the Partnership and Council websites, with implementation overseen by the Transport Managers Group and progress reported through the GCSP framework.

[Joint Housing Action Plan - Phase 2 Actions](#) - John Bartels, Director of the Greater Christchurch Partnership, presented the proposed approach for Phase 2 of the Joint Housing Action Plan, seeking the Committee's endorsement to proceed with a phased implementation.

[Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan - Implementation Plan 2024-27](#) - The plan outlined the actions required to implement the outcomes of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and is a requirement for any Future Development Strategy under the National Policy Statement - Urban Development that will be updated annually.

Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Annual Report 2025 - A first of its kind for the Partnership, this report outlines the Monitoring and Reporting Framework for the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan. It sets a baseline

using current data to track changes over the past year or longer and assess their impact on the Spatial Plan's long-term vision. While most initiatives are still in early stages, the report informs future planning and acknowledges that significant progress will take time.

Priority Areas Update - The Committee was provided with a progress update on the Priority Areas Programme and what the regular reporting would look like going forward.

Secretariat update - This provides an update on a range of activities that the GCP has undertaken since the March meeting.

View the [full agenda](#) for the meeting to review the reports in detail or the [meeting notes for resolutions and decisions](#). Please contact the secretariat@greaterchristchurch.org.nz for any questions you may have.

Celebrating Success!

What a great first half of 2025. The Partnership has successfully endorsed:

- ✓ The Greater Christchurch Transport Plan
- ✓ The Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Implementation Plan
- ✓ The amended Draft Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-35
- ✓ Phase two of the Joint Housing Action Plan
- ✓ Completed its first Annual Report
- ✓ Established the Priority Areas Programme

The Partnership wishes to thank all its dedicated contributors, without your collaborative effort, hard work and support we would not be able to achieve these great milestones for Greater Christchurch communities.

"A boat doesn't go forward if each one is rowing their own way" - Swahili proverb

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