

REGENERATION WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Regenerate Christchurch is a partnership between the Crown and Christchurch City Council, established to lead regeneration in key areas including the residential red zone, New Brighton and the central city.

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WORKSHOP DATE	Saturday 5 November 2016
TIME	9am – 12pm
VENUE	Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place, Christchurch
FACILITATOR	Anne Cunningham, supported by Rosie Evans
PARTICIPANTS	Approx. 70 people plus 11 Regenerate Christchurch staff
METHODOLOGY	Participatory scenario planning

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the workshop held by Regenerate Christchurch on 5 November 2016. It aims to capture the content accurately, as a record for those who attended and to inform those who did not.

The objectives of the workshop were:

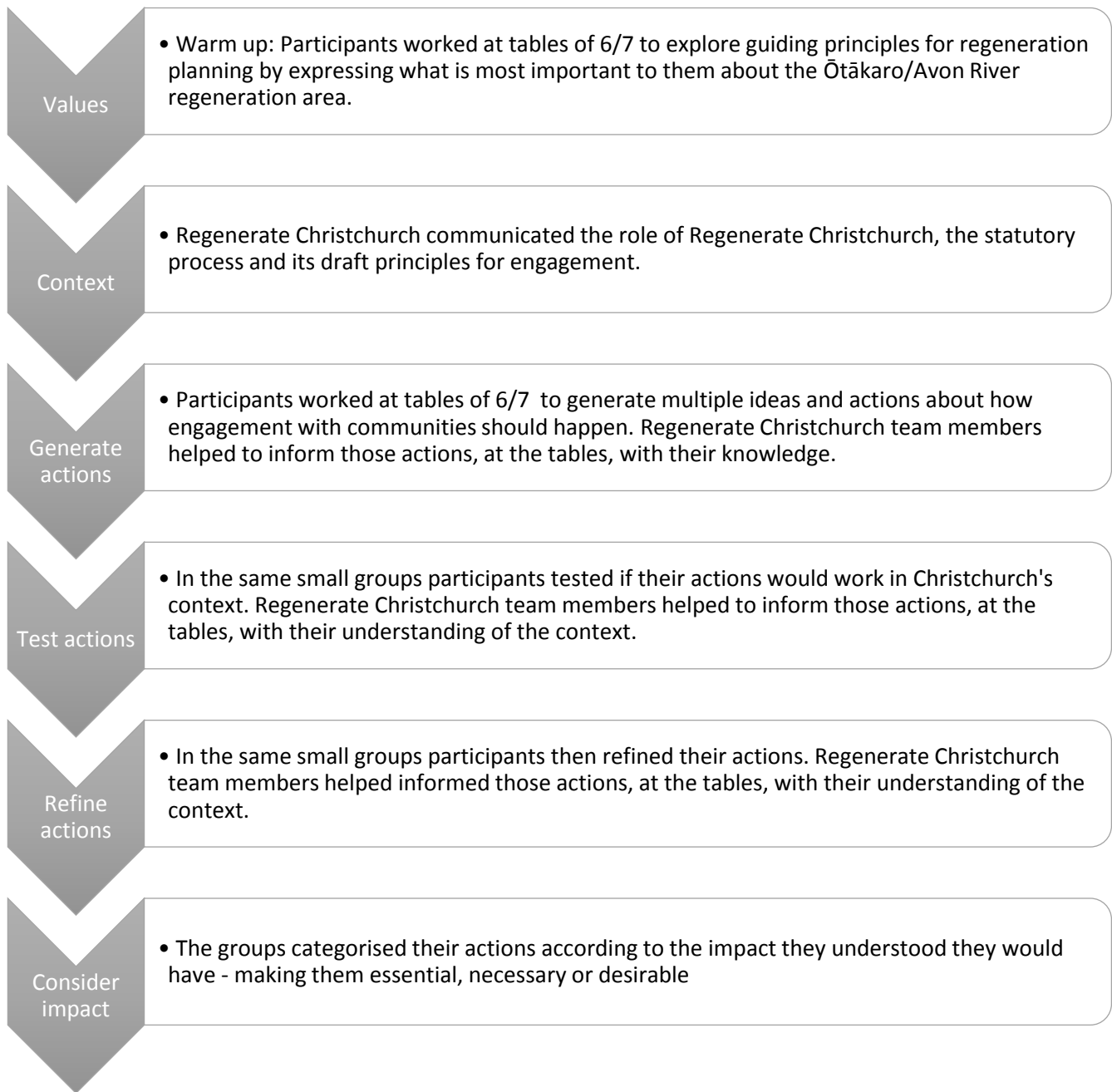
- To increase awareness and understanding of the regeneration planning process.
- To increase awareness and understanding of Regenerate Christchurch’s current work programme
- To explore guiding principles for regeneration planning in the Ōtākaro/Avon River regeneration area.
- To co-create an engagement approach for regeneration planning in the Ōtākaro/Avon River regeneration area.

Regenerate Christchurch invited attendees with a diversity of views, including representatives from community groups and networks, the education sector, NGOs and regeneration partners. However, we acknowledge this is just a starting point, and considerably more work needs to be done to ensure greater and more diverse reach as our work progresses.

WORKSHOP PROCESS

The workshop was based on a participatory methodology called scenario planning. Scenario planning is a process for generating and testing the effectiveness and impact of possible actions. During the process participants develop their understanding of real world constraints. In the context of this workshop, it was specifically used to enable participants to communicate what was essential, necessary and desirable for engaging with communities on regeneration planning in the Ōtākaro/Avon River regeneration area, and to communicate what risks they perceived and how those could be mitigated.

As this workshop took place in the early stages of Regenerate Christchurch’s work, participants were encouraged to record all perspectives rather than develop priorities or consensus. These are included in the workshop outcomes. Due to time constraints, there was reduced opportunity for whole group feedback and the benefits that can bring.



SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP FINDINGS

The warm-up exercise to explore guiding principles for regeneration planning – what people value – is included as an appendix to this report. Further work on guiding principles and visioning for the Ōtākaro/Avon River Corridor is planned for early 2017.

The full workshop notes on actions for a co-created engagement approach are provided as a separate Excel spreadsheet on the website (www.regeneratechristchurch.nz/news) – reading them provides a rich understanding of the diversity and synergy of perspectives.

When reviewing the actions there was one theme that we believe stood out: **equity of access to the proposed Regenerate Christchurch engagement process**. The workshop notes include specific actions detailing how that can be achieved.

The following is a summary of the proposed approaches:

- Produce an indicative road map of engagement which clearly shows people's roles in that process. Test it is understood, is realistic and will enable good quality engagement.
- Go directly to where people are – work with them in their real world, at their convenience, according to their preferences, cultures and needs.
- Provide information in different ways and multiple times – don't make assumptions about who likes what.
- Actively include the vulnerable, displaced or disempowered.
- Have regular check-ins during the process, to share progress and check trust in place.
- Up/down/across: Testing of plans and ideas should happen between Regenerate Christchurch and people, and between different people.
- Develop relevant and up-to-date technical information. Indicate and remove out-of-date information.
- Provide regular access to technical communicators and information to enable people to be educated and informed.
- Communicate what is possible and what the constraints and resources are – including technical, levels of influence, statutory process, time and budget. Ensure those enable a quality engagement process.
- Balance the privilege of those with the time and networks to reach you easily, with other voices.

Other themes

On-going opportunities for diverse, mass participation are expected. The overall emphasis appears to be on going to places where people already are (virtual or physical) and enabling them to make informed, considered contributions in an on-going process. Interestingly, many of the actions proposed by workshop participants were, in fact, descriptions of what quality engagement looks like, rather than specific actions to engage people. This reflects an experienced population with a credible depth of understanding of the importance of well-planned, effective engagement.

Although there is a clear expectation that they are involved in decisions, participants' comments reflected an understanding that their influence is within a statutory process with other constraints (for example, budget, timeline, land issues) and this is not a community-led consensus process. However, they do expect honesty about the degree of impact they can have at any time and that their input is well informed (for example, by technical information). They also expect clear communication about the roles of others in the process and the influence they can and cannot have. Trust for regeneration organisations will be directly linked to their effectiveness, with individual team members generating good support to date.

There was considerable emphasis placed on engagement with good technical information. There was also some reference to getting things done, although the overall emphasis stayed on getting the process right for the long term.

NEXT STEPS

The findings from this workshop will help inform the development of the engagement approach for regeneration planning in the Ōtākaro/Avon River regeneration area. As a first step, Regenerate Christchurch will be using this information to shape the high level engagement approach to be included in the Draft Regeneration Plan Outline: Residential Red Zone – Barbadoes Street to Stanmore Road Regeneration Area.

Please note: this workshop is just one of a range of activities and tactics that Regenerate Christchurch will be undertaking to co-design its engagement approach.

APPENDIX 1: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR AVON

- * Durability of the land ++ : long term consideration
 - Existing land information. Up to date info.
 - Easily understood
 - Dealing with saline ground water.
- * Flood management - future focus.
- * Prioritization of the recovery
- * Ecological focus! Green
- * Cultural/Economic/Historical awareness

RIVER CORRIDOR (RED ZONE)

- * Inclusiveness: → everyone's view is important. Utilising community knowledge.
- * Transparency "full": → accessible information → variety of forms of communication.
- * Information sharing
- * Sustainability: → Future generations.
- * Timely engagement: → Time lines, milestones, Formalised process, channels - age appropriate, consistency, efforts identified.
- * People are @ the heart/centre of the process: → Re-establish trust + Mutual Trust
- * Flood protection: from the beginning to the end. All communities.
- * Honesty: → being included in the "murky stuff" → Be brave. → Be real
- * Mutual Trust
- * Comm or Community ideas/proposal

Work within the purpose of the Resource Management Act 2016 (s3)

(VE) Inclusion & inclusiveness
(Socioeconomic; multigenerational diversity (thoughts and opinions of all ages)

respect: people, environment
→ multiple perspectives: pluralist

adaptability
re-evaluation; multi-linear participatory process

curiosity & experimentation
transparency & accountability

partnership: collaboration

Multiple Sources of Knowledge

No: "Beige Zone"
No: "Green Print"

Above All Else

Stewards of the Land

Kaitiaki

Eldon Project
The value of being able to...
The Eldon project...
social, personal and cultural outcomes but not primarily economic in nature.

Value above all else?

p1.

- Health of community - public spaces
eg: parks, pools, libraries
- Sustainable - long term approach for future generations
- People at the heart - decision making that involves people - like today
- Inclusive - people who don't have resources in their socio-economic class, new migrants
tanggapat whenua - demographic spread
- CULTURE for all
- Clean, green, people, spaces, future generations
SHARE AN IDEA PICTURE REUSED

• FOR US AND OUR CHILDREN AFTER US
p2.

- Safe, resilient, prepared, design
- Holistic approach - from alps to the sea all guiding approach - the ecosystems in tact will feed the people socially, mentally, culturally, spiritually, environmentally
- Consider 21st + 22nd century! Sea level rise?
very useful
- Market mechanism as a tool, not a blueprint

FUNDAMENTALS p3.

- * Heritage herstories
+ histories - everyone has a story - 8000 stories with 8000 demolitions.
- * Culture NOTE: Red zones wet land fruit trees, ecosystems - utilise assets already there
- * Sustainability including resilient design
- * Spaces for people, play, silence, food, learning
Memory
- * Economy that meets people's needs not ~~control~~ dependent on new "needs" created by the market

- What do we know about the land?
- Limitations of use?
- Respect for what was there pre-quake.
- Part of Chch.
- Future environmental issues. / Hazards
- Land, water & wind.
- Community ownership.
- Estuary/waterways - health
- Flora & fauna. Bird life - native species. Ecological outcomes.

- Feasibility
- Practical solutions
- Former residents' views
- Being realistic.
- Holistic approach.
- Trade offs need to be made.
- Best solution combination for Chch. & NZ.
- Unique to Chch.
- Innovative ideas.

Barrier-free Accessibility. (1a)

Physical for all people (ability).

Inclusive Engagement/Meeting
Diverse needs - as many as people as possible

Connectivity with surrounding community

Integrity of corridor is maintained & enhanced

Ecosystems approach

- Integrating ecosystem services
- Consideration of threshold levels/lanes to achieve those outcomes.

Economically Sustainable - no white elephants

Building in Natural Resilience (to natural hazard: e.g. Flood management, exposure to seismic risk, & sea level rise)

Diversity of scale/opportunity: Balanced.

Community that organically developed.
Cohesiveness of parts/Integrated into overarching framework/master plan

- (1b)
- ensure communities views have influence on outcomes: visibility of the process
 - evolve a new unique identity for Chch/Otago/Sense of belonging and ownership
 - enhance /acknowledge heritage /community history.

Specifically local identity
- by including indigenous environment beyond English Parkland.

Clean, Green, Smart, Accessible.
~ refer to Shore an lake.

- Common understanding of language / terminology.
- Inclusion of ~~Respect~~ the people who live there, did live there
- Respect for what has happened, people's experience / history.
- Legacy - ongoing benefit of future generations
eg:
• Sea level rise + climate change
eg:
flooding
- ~~Financial~~ ^{• Has to be self-sustaining (don't burden future generations).}
- Return on investment is more than financial.

Treaty Principles * People who are well, will look after their environment. A well environment will look after the people

(Ecology)

(Communities)

Understand and respect how ~~people~~ communities relate to their environment

Give nature space

Land, air, water, people — need to look at these as a collective

Enhance the wellbeing of East Chch

Let the Land BE Wetland and Forest

Commercial Activities also have social/cultural / Environmental purposes

What river activities?
Zoned for diversity

Circulation and access

Visual contact between zones

Dynamic Adaptable
Able to be modified in future

What? - Guiding principles

- value?
- fundamental importance?

~ real + tangible connection with people

~ over-arching & long term ^{legacy} strategic → holistic / helicopter → consistent to the project → adaptive and iterative

* ~ people are the value

* ~ people are fundamental importance

~ respect & work with the natural environment as a key asset

~ respect the investment the country has already made in the asset

~ enhancement of the asset

* ~ time lines in balance with engagement - balancing the need for accountability with community consultation

~ learn from what didn't happen in the past 5 years - don't reinvent the wheel

~ be accessible to citizens in a targeted way → multiple methods

People.

Honouring the people of the land - past / present / future.

Respect the past.

Identify the custodians? Residents, Historians, story tellers, where are they?

Capture the History and the stories of the Awa River corridor.

Importance of History.

- river remains the same but different.

Next steps

- Meaningful engagement.
- Transparency in decision making
- Ongoing engagement prior to key decision
- Identify the custodians.

Place

Environment. Starts with the river...

it's story - uses

- food source
- transport
- recreation
- practical - storm water
- Soul / life flow of city

Original name - Otakaro

Place of sports/games. (named after the children who played on banks)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF REGENERATING RIVER CORRIDOR

Demondstrable value creation

- Economic, wellbeing

SAFETY

- Used throughout week & all hours of the day

TRANSPARENCY

- of knowledge, understanding
- Lighting of sites + impacts.
- Accessibility of information to make good decisions
- Evidence-based
- Bringing people up to eye level - getting internal context
- Common good over individual interests
- eg. roving lake vs recreational lake

Barrier-free (accessibility)

RESILIENCE

- stand up to future change & disruptive events

TREATY PRINCIPLES

- Making a kei
- Mana whenua reflected

INCLUSIVE

- Maintained as public asset (publicly accessible)
- Social & economic accessibility
- Welcoming
- Diversity of projects
- something for everyone

BELONGING

- A place for the dreams of each people
- Aspirational & inspirational

TRANSPORT

- Can be family or community
- Can be for work or play

FUN!!

- From groundwater & other ecologies - localised
- To people & communities
- To projects

Embrace, bold audacious ideas

- Experiment & explore & test
- Intervene & pioneer used

RESILIENCE

- Held in broader context of whole city - what can RRZ do for the city?
- CONNECTED IMPACT
- IDENTITY OF CITY - area in or utopia

What should we value, above all else?

What is of fundamental importance?

Relationships

- Balance
- respectful treatment
- Tiriti o Waitangi

Place

- Build communities
- Roots
- Place belonging
- Home

Nature

- opportunity to relocate + know/le how we do things.
- working with not against
- much bigger than area itself.
- a story for all + each.
- The River can unite us
- many conversations

Black Maps

- go back to these.

Equity

- include
- Waikaha onwards
- care / careful
- belonging
- empowerment
- self activating

History

- making visible those invisible now in / less visible.
- Beauty. Poetry. Song

Recognise reality

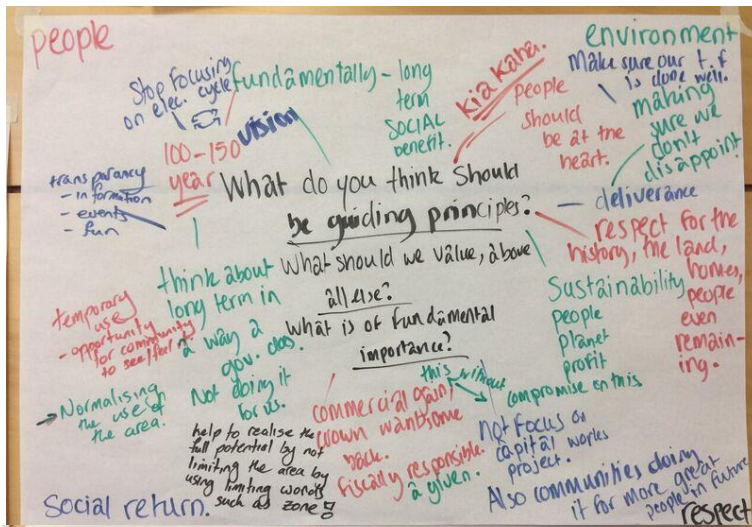
- damage of "Double Blue"
- Very long term view
- Longevity
- Restore - spirits
- Heal - Repair
- ethics of care.

Include all who have an interest

- local
- whole city
- NZ wide/wider leadership + inspiration.

outcomes of belonging, empowerment.

Global Exemplar



- VALUES**
- Co-creation inclusive Kids involved
- get people on land now + projects
- red = engagement values.
- Health of } Flourishing
- * Natural environment - land and river and coast
 - * Our people & communities
 - * Water quality.
 - * History - human, land, recent, ancient.
 - * Recreation - fun
 - * Future generations
 - * All ages & abilities - to be accessible.
 - * All cultures - appreciation & sense of belonging.
 - * Connection to the land.
 - * Future of area - eg climate change issues, flooding etc.
 - * Mahinga Kai
 - * Well being
 - * The process in itself could be powerful

Well being of **People and Environment.**

Healthy

Timing - Accountability - Efficiency.

Resilient to Climate Change - Sea Level Rise.

Inclusive in Design and Outcomes - And Needs.

Environmental and Recreational Amenity.

Tangible improvements in the Health and Well being of the River. (Barometer)/catalyst.

1^o Values: Sustainable long term (Catalyst)

Focus on assets

Understand the different needs of the people connecting with nature + docs.

Resilience - Physical education

Mahinga Kai / Recreation

Meaningful health/well being of community River

Summary

all notes...