



## REGENERATE CHRISTCHURCH MEDIA RELEASE

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### ONGOING NEED FOR REGENERATION COMMITMENT IN CHRISTCHURCH

Regenerate Christchurch says to maximise the benefits of the significant private and public investment that has been made in Christchurch, an ongoing commitment to and focus on regeneration beyond the expiry of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act in June 2021 will be required.

Board Chair Sue Sheldon says: “Our Board had intended to have its work programme through to June 2021 confirmed by now, informed by our analysis of the current state of Christchurch’s regeneration. In our extensive discussions with the Crown and Christchurch City Council, we have emphasised that challenges to Christchurch’s regeneration remain.

“The Crown and Council have advised that, in their view, regeneration is now embedded in the everyday work of the Council and Crown, and their various agencies operating in Christchurch, and local agencies - including the Council - should begin assuming responsibility for some of Regenerate Christchurch’s work sooner than originally planned.

“We are proud that our people have advanced awareness, understanding and commitment to regeneration. However, it is critical for everyone to understand that business-as-usual does not mean a standard approach.”

Regenerate Christchurch was established under the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act to lead regeneration, engage and advocate effectively with communities and stakeholders, and provide independent advice to decisionmakers. Ms Sheldon says its obligations under the Act continue until the Act expires in June 2021. The Crown and Council have also asked it to continue to respond to requests for advice on regeneration and advise the Crown and Council on use of legislative powers in the Act to support regeneration.

It will continue any work required for the Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration’s decision-making on the draft Regeneration Plan for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor and will complete its assessment of a proposal to amend planning rules relevant to the operation of Hagley Oval.

Regenerate Christchurch staff have been advised that, as a result of the transition of some of its responsibilities, some organisational change may be required once the forward work programme for the 2019/2020 financial year is finalised and approved by the Crown and Council.

“While that is done, there is also important work currently underway that needs to be progressed. Due to the ongoing uncertainty for staff, we have initiated discussions to retain our people or, otherwise, come to a mutually agreed voluntary arrangement to end their employment with Regenerate Christchurch.”





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Regenerate Christchurch's work to date has included large-scale projects, the type of which have not been seen in New Zealand before. It includes development of a draft regeneration plan for 602 hectares of land in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, a long-term vision for Cathedral Square, use of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act to enable Redcliffs School to relocate and an extensive assessment on the momentum of regeneration within the central city - which prompted development of a central city action plan. Regenerate Christchurch's work has been informed by extensive community consultation, with the organisation engaging with tens of thousands of Christchurch residents.

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