NOTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL, 53 HEREFORD STREET, GROUND FLOOR, On Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 10 am

Present: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Gail Payne (Metropolitan Community Advisor, Disability and Older Adults Portfolio, CCC), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Shane McInore, Paul Barclay, Dayl Milne, Adele Wilkinson and Anna Mitchell.

Apologies: Debra Edmonds, Philippa Cosgrove, Debbie Baker

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

Build for All Portal: The portal can be accessed via the Healthy Christchurch website. DAG members have reviewed the Portal since the last meeting, and positive feedback was given. The Portal needs more promotion and there is work underway to include the construction industry.

Events for All draft checklist was presented. It will be available for a wide range of public events. Group discussion confirmed that when accessing events, information is the key; for example: the events people answering the phones need to know where the accessible parking is and if the event is accessible etc. Further discussion at the June meeting about Events for All, after meeting with the Council's events, sports and recreation staff. The aim is to trial the resource with the Council's events team over the summer period; and also to link events funding to accessibility criteria.

At the March DAG meeting the group was provided with an overview about the importance of making submissions to local government, and the range of mediums that can be used for people to have their say. The Community Public Health / CDHB's submission to the Victoria Street Plan was discussed. The discussion was about how to identify the need for mobility parking as part of the planning process.

Intersection Design for Persons with Disabilities Policy:

Intersection design standards were discussed. DAG gave further feedback about modern and electric cars being very quiet and non-audible for people relying on traffic sound as a warning. Future consultation in relation to implementation was discussed.

Accessible Website Design and Snap Send Solve App

Web accessibility and digital channel staff presented the Snap Send Solve App; there was interest in staff providing training to other community organisations about the Snap Send Solve App.

The team discussed accessible communications and websites. As further Council processes become digital as a first option, accessibility becomes an increasingly important issue. The DAG members will work with the team to facilitate focus group testing re accessible web design options.

The development of an accessible city map (car parks, toilets etc.) was also discussed with the web and digital team. Staff are looking at what other Council's have done about mapping, and will follow up and present back at the June DAG meeting. DAG is committed to supporting the map project.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 10 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street