NOTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL, 53 HEREFORD STREET, Second Floor, on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at 10:00 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), Stacey Holbrough (Community Advisor – note taker) Shane McInore, Paul Barclay, Dayl Milne, Adele Wilkinson, Anna Mitchell, Philippa Cosgrove, Debbie Baker.

Apologies: Debra Edmonds

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

Accessible Charter (led by EDLG, Barrier Free NZ) – DAG agreed to discuss the Charter in more depth at the October meeting and to invite the ELDG, Barrier Free NZ, and the Council working party facilitator to that meeting.

DAG's role was discussed as it relates to technical advice. DAG members give an overview perspective and general discussion and input about Council processes, but they do not give technical advice. DAG recommends that technical advice is received from specialist organisations such as Blind Foundation, Barrier Free NZ. It was noted that the Councillors have requested DAG input into relevant reports.

Gail circulated Tauranga Disability and Age Friendly Strategies – general discussion.

Production of newly designed Kiwiable Cards delayed for two months

DAG members enjoyed July's CPTED presentation and a further presentation about urban design and mental health will be organised. CPTED training workshops may be possible for DAG members.

Accessible Christchurch Map

The aim of the accessible map project is to identify the map information that will enable people who live, work, or visit Christchurch to successfully compete an 'accessible journey' This includes 'how to go' and 'where to go' where the needs of disabled people are distinct from the general population.

Discussion and confirmation of the data set for the map. Council owned properties will be added to the accessible map. Car parking is a priority / there is an accessible car parking map available. Mobility scooter and wheel chair hire are a priority. Toilets will be included. Bus exchanges /shelters/ and stops are important. Discussion about including the location of ramps, and also hearing loops.

The Accessible Map is a work in progress, and the Web Team will come back to the DAG in October to provide an update. The DAG thanked the Web Team for their commitment to the Accessible Map project.

DAG website presence

Improvements will be made to the DAG presence on the Council website. This may include photos and information about DAG members.

Discussion about website accessibility and the guidelines for 'AA' standards, and best practice.

Draft Suburban Car Parking Policy

Discussion about mobility car parks and how to determine the need for on street mobility parking.

There is an Issues and Options Survey about the draft car parking policy. Submissions close 15 September. This will be promoted publically and the Senior Policy Transport Planner will return to the DAG in September to receive a verbal submission on the draft Policy. The DAG discussed accessible mobility car parking for significant destinations.

NZ Disability Strategy Review – Submission Process

Submissions close 21 August 2016

Office of Disabilities Issues is leading this process, and have held national consultation meetings.

General Business

Refresh of the Health of Older Persons Strategy is open for submissions; closes 7 September 2016

Christchurch Dilemmas is an independent interactive documentary website, supported by Radio New Zealand website, and has interesting Christchurch mental health documentaries

Arthritis NZ is consulting on its new strategic plan: Moving Forward Developing a Strategic Plan for Arthritis New Zealand 2017 - 2021

Age Concern Canterbury's Older Persons Expo: 26 September 2016, Papanui High School, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 September 2016 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street in M2.05