

**NOTES OF THE  
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,  
53 HEREFORD STREET on Tuesday 18 October 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), Shane McInore, Paul Barclay, Adele Wilkinson, Debra Edmonds

**Apologies:** Anna Mitchell, Rachel Mullins, Philippa Cosgrove, Debbie Baker, Dayl Milne

**Facilitator:** Gail Payne

**Previous Notes, Matters Arising:**

Adele discussed the role of the multi-agency Psychosocial Group and the importance of maintaining an accessibility / disability perspective in relation to psychosocial issues in the city. It was agreed that she could speak generally in the Psychosocial Group about the perspective of DAG members while keeping in mind that the DAG exists to provide advice and support to Council Units.

**Development of the Linwood area: Infrastructure and Community**

Linwood Central Heathcote Ward community development advisor consulted with the DAG about the Linwood Development Aspirations project which is seeking to understand the community, social, and recreational needs and aspirations of the greater Linwood area. The discussion included infrastructure requirements in order to meet the area's needs. The importance of including people with disabilities in the project's planning was acknowledged and it was agreed that the DAG would have further involvement in the joint working group that is being established.

**Canterbury Accessibility Charter: presentation from Barrier Free NZ Trust and Earthquake Disability Leadership Group EDLG**

The creation of a Canterbury Accessibility Charter is being led by Barrier Free NZ Trust and supported by EDLG. The aim of the Charter is that: 'through commitment to, leadership of and informed decision making, we will rebuild Canterbury as a model of best practice accessibility.' The Council has formed a staff steering group to consider the implementation of the Charter and the steering group will liaise with the DAG as the concept for a Canterbury Accessibility Charter is progressed.

## **Accessible Christchurch Map**

An update about the Accessible Christchurch Map was presented by the web design team. The data sets are being gathered (for example, accessible toilets, bus shelters with seating etc.).

## **Pedestrian Crossings and Free Turns**

Traffic advisors returned to the DAG to further discuss pedestrian crossing safety where citizens have visibility or hearing impairment, and are at risk at intersections with free turning traffic.

## **General Business**

Mental Health Education and Resource Centre MHERC is providing training about intellectual disability and mental health.

CDHB Disability Steering Group is calling for nominations.

Conversation about requesting Councillors to navigate the city wearing blindfolds or sitting in wheelchairs in order to get first-hand experience of the risks and challenges.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 November 2016 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, Ground Floor, Meeting Room One**