

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,
53 HEREFORD STREET, Ground Floor, on Tuesday 18 July at 10:00 am**

Present: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Paul Barclay, Dayle Milne, Adele Wilkinson, Anna Mitchell, Shane McInore, Gail Payne (CCC), Debra Edmonds, Debbie Baker.

Apologies: Phillipa Cosgrove

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Group Round: News from each agency.

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

Otakaro / Avon River Corridor Regeneration Planning is well underway, and the disability sector continues to have strong input. Note that Regenerate has prepared short videos on Accessibility and CPTED which can be viewed on their Facebook page.

Work is continuing to develop ideas around the Changing Places (accessible changing rooms) model at the Metro Sports Centre. It was noted that the examples the DAG saw were not good on colour contrast; this will be addressed.

The Canterbury Accessibility Charter

The launch date has moved to early November as there are timing challenges to signing up signatories at management and governance levels. Processes are in place to continue the Charter discussions with all key stakeholders.

The DAG noted the importance of genuine commitment to accessibility by the signatory organisations in all spheres to make access a reality. Resources to assist include Barrier Free NZ Trust and the Be Institute – the latter has a self-audit Be Welcome tool that can be a starting point.

Planning

Next month the DAG will discuss topics to prioritise through to the end of the year, considering maps, cycleways, Council as an employer, Accessibility Charter.

Workbridge

Debbie Baker explained the approach taken by Workbridge. Their staff work with employers and with other experts e.g. The Blind Foundation, in order to assist clients. They help with determining eligibility of various funding sources, and with problem solving, interviews, CVs, assessments, rehabilitation, work trials, post-placement support, and more. There is an ongoing need to build relationships with employers. Some employers have good awareness and support systems in place. The Workbridge website has further information. The DAG will continue to discuss the importance of inclusive employment practices.

New DAG members

A process has been established to interview three new potential co-opted members. The co-option process meets the DAG's requirements under its 'appointment of new members' clause. As previously discussed, the appointment of new members has become necessary as three members have had a change in employment circumstances and cannot always attend the DAG meeting every month.

General Business

- Consultation on the Barrington Park playground design is open now. Submissions are due 4 August.
- Accessible dog park short paper has been provided to Regenerate to inform red zone community spaces planning.
- The annual city Wellbeing Survey has been analysed to examine characteristics of the East Christchurch population, to inform red zone planning. People with long term health conditions or disabilities were found to have lower wellbeing (WHO5 score), and to represent 34% of the population, vs 20% in greater Christchurch.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 August 2017 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street.