

**NOTES OF THE  
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,  
53 HEREFORD STREET, Ground Floor, on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 10:00 am**

**Present:** Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Paul Barclay, Adele Wilkinson, Debra Edmonds, Gail Payne (CCC), Shane McInore, Dayl Milne, Philippa Cosgrove.

**Apologies:** Debbie Baker

**Facilitator:** Gail Payne

**Group Round:** News from each agency

**Previous Notes, Matters Arising:**

Older Adults Champions Guidelines from the Libraries will be distributed. These have particular relevance for: the Mental Health Education and Resource Centre's library services; the Alan Bean library at NZ Spinal Trust; and Age Concern Canterbury's education resources.

Have A Go Bus Day is to be held at Mona Vale on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 10am to 1pm. Rachel will ensure the flyer from ECAN is distributed to the sector. Discussion about the need for a similar day to be targeted at the older adults sector.

Rachel will distribute a survey monkey to the sector seeking feedback about the designated mobility car parking at SummerTimes Hagley Park events.

**Accessible Maps**

The Information Technology team presented the work completed on the accessibility maps, and explained the available data that was used in the maps. The team sought guidance from the DAG about the most useful information to be included.

In the future a layer of accessibility data will be added to other maps on the Council's website.

DAG discussed the need for information about whether car parks were on road, and if in a car parking site, how accessible the site was (e.g. paved or rubble). A map displaying bus stops would be too cluttered but DAG discussed whether in the future google maps could be used as the platform, so that up to date information was available.

The Maps will print in full size so that people can have readable paper copies.

Any explanatory notes need to be in an 'easy read' approach so the maps can be used by everybody.

## **Preparedness Planning**

The Council's community support unit is gathering information about emergency preparedness planning that community organisations have in place. Larger community organisations have planning in place, and if they are an accredited health service or residential care organisation, preparedness planning is part of their accreditation. However some small community groups may not have a written plan or a review process.

DAG members discussed how their organisations respond in an emergency, and many mentioned that since the Christchurch earthquakes their organisations have 'cloud-based' servers, and staff are set up to immediately become mobile and work from any location. Social media is often used to contact members.

There was discussion about the need for further work with CDEM to ensure that relationships and partnerships were fostered in the disability sector. This could include regular forums with key sectors.

Existing CDEM-related resources for the disability sector include:

1. 'How to Prepare for an Emergency' booklet. Published by CDEM and IHC. Although this booklet is directed at individual / household preparedness, the ideas could be used to help inform community agency planning.
2. 'Don't be Scared, Just be Prepared' booklet. A guide for people with disabilities of what to do in the case of a civil defence emergency. Published by the Disabled Persons Assembly Christchurch and CDEM.
3. Including People with Disabilities – information for the CDEM sector. Produced by CDEM and available on their website.

## **Accessible IT and AV systems for Metro Sports Facility**

The Information Technology team sought guidance about up to date IT and AV solutions for the Metro Sports Facility. Members provided information about how to source technical advice, and also pointed out the importance of staff training in how to use AV equipment.

## **General Business**

Allison will distribute draft guidelines for visitors to the DAG. These will be used to inform the 2017 work plan to be written at the March meeting.

The latest version of the Christchurch Accessibility Charter needs to be presented to DAG members.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street.**