

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

Present: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Paul Barclay, Debra Edmonds, Anna Mitchell, Debbie Baker, Shane McInore, Gail Payne (CCC). Claire Phillips (CCC Community Support Manager) and Bronwyn Larsen (CDHB) as observers.

Apologies: Dayl Milne, Philippa Cosgrove, Adele Wilkinson, Kim Slack (Libraries)

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Group Round: News from each agency.

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

Emergency preparedness: Work being done by Red Cross and EDLG in relation to support for people with disabilities, and a potential resource. There is a newly appointed CDEM position that is working on preparedness planning for the community sector. This work will include the disability sector. Further information to come.

Good linkages continue to be made with the design, fit out and programming for the Metro Sports Facility; contact Rachel and Allison for further information.

Concerns and questions continue regarding the cycle lane / road changes and their impact on pedestrian and bus accessibility, particularly for people with disabilities. The Blind Foundation has raised a number of issues.

Draft DAG Visitor Guide

The group made suggestions to improve the document, which will be reflected in the next draft. When it is finalised, its availability will be promoted among CCC staff – electronically via the Council’s Hub intranet, and possibly via a DAG lunch-time drop-in session for staff.

Draft DAG Work Programme 2017

The group made suggestions to improve the document, which will be reflected in the next draft. The plan is organised in three main categories: Council services and processes, DAG operations, and DAG projects. It will be a living document and will be used for progress reporting. More work is needed regarding outputs, measures and outcomes for each action.

CCC actions on the Christchurch Accessibility Charter (led by Barrier Free NZ Trust with support from EDLG)

The transport operations manager provided the DAG with an update about the Council's Accessibility Charter steering group. The steering group has been meeting for several months, and is writing a report for senior management about the opportunities that the Charter provides. The group includes a wide range of relevant Council units. Each unit has looked at its current practices, policies, legislation, and results related to accessibility.

General Business

- Gail encouraged members and their networks to submit on the draft CCC Annual Plan, due 28 April.
- EDLG is hosting a targeted sector workshop with Regenerate to discuss the Avon River Corridor regeneration plan (Red Zone). All DAG members will be invited.
- Central city mobility car parking is an ongoing topic for the DAG and staff will be invited back to continue discussions.
- The Council's Metropolitan Community Support Team are working on a number of projects that have relevance to the Disability Advisory Group. Gail will organise for the advisors to seek input and advice from the DAG members. These projects include: the Youth Action Plan, the Community Alcohol Action Plan, and the Multicultural Strategy.
- At the April DAG meeting, a workshop will take place about the current usage, and the potential, for Christchurch's Kiwiable card.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street.