

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,
53 HEREFORD STREET, GROUND FLOOR, on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 10 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), Shane McInore, Paul Barclay, Dayl Milne, Adele Wilkinson, Anna Mitchell, Philippa Cosgrove and Debbie Baker.

Apologies: Debra Edmonds.

Facilitator: Gail Payne.

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

The Events for All Resource, and the Accessible Christchurch map are both listed as items on today's agenda.

Inclusive Communities and Mental Health – Mental Health Education and Resource Centre (MHERC) speaker

Discussion about how Council units can receive advice and training about mental health challenges for customers / clients and users of services. Escalation of issues can occur if there is lack of understanding. Discussion about the signs of stress and anxiety; and about managing balance and mental health wellbeing.

Events for All Resource

There will be some provision for people to apply to remain in their cars to view specific Council events.

The Events for All Resource will to be able to be downloaded from the Council website, and each item / link in the resource will lead to a checklist of examples of good practice, etc.

Discussion about how to provide uncluttered information that enables people to easily recognise the location of drop off points, parking, and other key information. For example the term North Hagley Park, does not always provide adequate specificity about location of key accessibility points for people attending an event.

Age Concern is interested to utilise the information in the resource for their Older Persons Expo this year.

Accessible Christchurch Map

The Digital Access Team discussed the user experience of maps and the reinstatement of the data in the Accessible Christchurch map. The Accessible Christchurch map has not been updated since June 2010, and was no longer relevant after the earthquakes. Accessibility Data is one of the priorities for the Digital Team's mapping project. The Park Smart map does include accessible parking. In the longer term, there is an intention to offer the map in alternative formats (for example, in braille). The Disability Advisory Group has been asked to assist with identifying the accessibility data sets / information for inclusion in the mapping. The previous map had a wide range of information and was cluttered. What should be included now will be discussed at the net DAG meeting, for example, should the map include kerb cut-outs, NGOs.

General business

KiwiAble Card – update about the new card format.

Life in Christchurch survey – good input from citizens with disabilities.

Christchurch Multicultural Strategy, Our Future Together – Consultation paper

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19 July 2016 at 10 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street in M2.05