NOTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL, 53 HEREFORD STREET, Second Floor, on Tuesday 19 July 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, Debbie Baker and Debra Edmonds.

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

Life in Christchurch Survey – Good response from the disability sector. Update will be provided at next meeting.

Newly formatted KiwiAble Leisure Card was passed around for comment. New cards will begin to be rolled out next month.

Building Control Team, Consenting and Compliance

Discussion about the built environment and how to improve outcomes for accessibility.

EDLG's Accessible Christchurch Charter project will be worked on within the Council; Building Consenting and Compliance team will lead that project, and the DAG will be consulted. Accessibility needs to be on the agenda from design to building, and to hold high importance for builders, developers, and designers. The DAG will support ongoing conversation about best practice versus the legislation, and the how to support best practice for the city's built environment. From a lived experience viewpoint, this includes which components of a project to prioritise.

Accessible Christchurch Map

The Digital Access Team and Health in All Policies Advisor led an exercise to identify the data required in the Accessible Christchurch map. Data sets were identified from priority one to three, and it was agreed the map should not be cluttered with information. Feedback included the need for recognisable landmarks, and the potential to map accessible journeys.

The University of Canterbury's Alternative Format Centre is keen to work with the Council to promote accessible formats of maps and other documents. Once the map has reached its first draft, the DAG will invite the University's Alternative Format Centre to a meeting.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design CPTED

The Council's CPTED Advisor gave a presentation about the CPTED discipline and the importance of environmental scans and site assessments. There were many linkages with the concept of accessibility audits and assessments, the importance of place, and the need to be involved from the design phase. CPTED assessments can include some advice about injury prevention through environmental design, and also the accessible journey and the principles of universal design.

General business

CDHB Disability Action Plan was distributed. Update at next meeting about nominations for the Disability Action Plan's steering group.

The September meeting will present information about the local government elections, and how to distribute the information in the disability sector.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16 August 2016 at 10 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street in M2.05