

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,
53 HEREFORD STREET, Ground Floor, on Tuesday 16 May 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, Dayl Milne, Philippa Cosgrove, Gail Payne (CCC).

Apologies: Shane McInore, Adele Wilkinson, Kim Slack (Libraries)

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Group Round: News from each agency.

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

Consultations for the KiwiAble Card have closed and the report about possible improvement and development of the KiwiAble Card is expected in June.

Rachel gave an update about the proposed aquatic sensory experience for the Metro Sports Facility. This would be a world-first in terms of a water – based sensory experience, and would liaise with the Southern Centre.

Consultations are open for the Otakaro/Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan's Vision and Objectives.

Cycleway and Accessibility

Anna discussed cycle ways and the community concerns being raised by people with disabilities, including safe transition from car to footpath.

It was agreed to have Council staff discuss the concerns with the DAG, including an understanding about the Christchurch Cycle Design Guidelines.

Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) – Community Resilience

The community resilience coordinator led a discussion with the DAG about emergency preparedness, information resources, planning, and communications. Plans were put in place for the coordinator to communicate with the members and for project work about community resilience to be undertaken.

Barrington Playground

Greenspace staff returned with plans for the Barrington Playground upgrade. The DAG was very impressed with the universal design and best practice principles used in the design, in order to facilitate inclusive play. The DAG highly endorsed the design plans as appropriate for people of all abilities, and supported the need for improvements to the surrounding area, including suitable mobility car parking to enable an accessible journey to and from the park.

General Business

It was agreed to co-opt two new DAG members in order to meet the gaps at meetings created by changes to some members' working schedules. It may be that at least one co-opted member would only attend when the person with experience in that sector could not be present at a meeting. An interview panel of DAG members and staff will be formed, and the process will follow the guidelines set out in the DAG membership conditions.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 June 2017 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street.