

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
53 HEREFORD STREET, Function Room, Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 10:00 am**

Present: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Philippa Cosgrove, Gail Payne (CCC) Paul Barclay, Debra Edmonds, Pat Edmonds, Simon Templeton, Gaye Austin
Guests: Aaron Keown (CCC Councillor), Bruce Coleman (CCC Community Development Advisor), Bronwyn Larsen (Health in All Policies CDHB); Aaron Haymes (CCC Transport Manager), Claire Phillips (Mgr Community Support Team)

Apologies: Dayl Milne, Debbie Baker, Adele Wilkinson, Anna Mitchell, Shane McInore

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Welcome: The group welcomed Gaye Austin and Simon Templeton to their first meetings as members. Gaye has affiliations to Deaf Aotearoa, and Workbridge. Simon, CEO Age Concern Canterbury, was previously employed by the CDHB in the Planning and Funding Unit.

Gaye provided the group with useful recommendations on communicating effectively with her, and more broadly on Deaf communication issues.

Previous Notes, Matters Arising

The group discussed accessibility issues in the rebuild projects for which the Council is responsible. We will find out more about what is happening with the Central Library's accessibility overall, and in relation to toilets/changing room. The site would be good for one of the new "Changing Places", but it may be too late to incorporate. The importance of accessibility as a priority beginning at the earliest stages of building commissioning, procurement and design were highlighted.

The Council is considering the Accessibility Charter based on information gathered by the Council-wide working group over the last several months.

DAG and the Community Boards and Long Term Planning (LTP) process

The group discussed ways that the DAG can help the Community Boards to incorporate a disability perspective into their work, including:

- The full DAG or subgroup attending Community Board meetings
- Sharing materials and ideas with Community Development Advisors and Community Recreation Advisors in their 2 monthly meeting.
- A focused effort to include disabled people in the planned LTP consultation processes, as well as other Council planning, business processes, training and employment.

Councillor Disability Working Party

Councillor Aaron Keown explained that he, and Community Board Chair Karolin Potter, will be leading a group to identify key Council issues and actions to achieve better outcomes for disabled people, and benefitting all residents and visitors. Details and membership are being considered. Discussion included the importance of a mobility car parking strategy, procurement that prioritises best practice accessibility, better roads, footpaths, car park buildings, signage and signals, improved Council employment policies and practices, mandatory accessibility audits and consideration by DAG. There may also be an opportunity for disability experiential learning for Councillors. The importance of the Working Party linking with DAG was highlighted.

Parking

There are ongoing discussions between the Council and CDHB. Among the issues are the District Plan requirements that 'demand generating activities' - like the provision of health services - will include adequate car parking on their own (not Council) premises, while Vote Health does not include any provision for parking delivery. Plans are under way for joint Council and CDHB pilot of mobility parking sensors, and improvements to information on parking on the CDHB website.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street.