

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,
53 HEREFORD STREET, Ground Floor, on Tuesday 20 June at 10:00 am**

Present: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Philippa Cosgrove, Adele Wilkinson, Anna Mitchell, Shane McInore, Gail Payne (CCC), Debra Edmonds, Debbie Baker.

Apologies: Paul Barclay, Dayl Milne.

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Group Round: News from each agency.

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

The KiwiAble Card report is now due in July, and the report will be presented to the DAG when it is available.

Otakaro / Avon River Corridor Regeneration Planning is well underway, and the disability sector has strong representation on the advisory groups for the consultation process.

Changing Places Concept

Rachel gave a presentation about the Changing Places (accessible changing rooms) model. This is a new standard in accessible design, and was started in the UK in 2006.

General discussion was followed by endorsement, in principle, for Rachel to pursue the development of an accessible changing room project.

The DAG also suggested a Design Lab concept at the CDHB site to show people the components of the model.

Digital Maps Project

The Digital Team showed the accessibility sector maps (these were part of a DAG project). There are four sets of Data currently available online: accessible parking, hearing loops, accessible toilets, mobility scooter hire.

The goal is for all Council maps to incorporate accessibility data.

Updated maps data is essential and it was agreed that DAG would support a project, in collaboration with key stakeholder community organisations, to ensure the maps were expanded and updated.

Cycle ways and Accessibility

The Programme Manager for the major cycleway routes presented about the design principles, accessibility considerations, car parking, and the importance of public / user education.

The DAG will follow up with suggestions about accessibility / disability sector risks and challenges.

General Business

- Discussion about housing issues for people with disabilities. Allison to distribute an article that maps patterns and demographics. This topic will be discussed in the future with Council facilities and housing teams.
- Allison sought DAG advice about the features of an accessible dog park. Members agreed that the following features are helpful: gates should be accessible; accessible parking around the perimeter is required; accessible seating areas and shelter spots; a circular design is more inclusive for a person who is reluctant or unable to get out of a vehicle as they can still watch / enjoy their dog; and a CPTED assessment is essential.
- Discussion about the importance of inclusive employment practices, including tools for recruitment, induction, and retention of staff. Debbie / Workbridge will expand on this topic at the July DAG meeting, with a view to this becoming a DAG-led project.

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