

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,
53 HEREFORD STREET, Ground Floor, on Tuesday 15 August 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, Debra Edmonds, Debbie Baker. Paul Barclay, Pat Edmonds, Ana Macadie CCC, Chantal Lauzon CDHB.

Apologies: Dayl Milne, Gail Payne (CCC), Simon Templeton, Gaye Austin.

Facilitator: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir

Group Round: Introductions and news from each agency.

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

Otakaro / Avon River Corridor Regeneration Planning is continuing, and includes disability sector representation.

The Canterbury Accessibility Charter work at the Council is on target, with the staff working group submitting a September report to the Executive Leadership Team, followed by Councillors' briefings.

The timeline that Barrier Free NZ Trust and the Earthquake Disability Leadership Group have for launching the Charter to the public, with foundation signatories, is November 2017.

Digital Team: Accessible Web and Maps

Digital Team sought advice about accessible events listings on the "Be There" site: how to define accessibility, and how to depict online what accessible services are available at an event.

Any list would also act as a prompt for event organisers in relation to the accessibility of their event.

Discussion about correct language to use and how to keep prompts succinct (without too much text) while still being clear.

The DAG members indicated key categories. These included: mobility carparks; accessible toilets; hearing loops; NZ sign language interpreters. It was also suggested that encouraging the inclusion of maps / photos / other guidance, can assist people planning to attend an event. Additionally, accessible routes could be indicated; and information about discounts relevant to people with disabilities, e.g. support people.

Staff will circulate a list to the DAG for feedback.

Recreation and Sport: Sporting facilities, changing places, accessible features

Discussion about the Changing Places (accessible changing rooms) model.

In partnership with CDHB, testing of changing rooms design / functionality has taken place in their Design Lab.

Discussion about best practice at the beginning to avoid expensive retrofitting.

Parking

People need to be aware of the eligibility criteria for mobility parking permits, and encourage people to apply.

There is a history of mobility parking concerns surrounding, and within, the hospital grounds. Since the earthquakes and rebuilds there are increased concerns. The DAG saw the problem as having joint responsibilities with the CDHB and the Council.

Discussion included whether there is a way to make the services more accessible, in addition to providing more car parks.

General Business

- Please note the room change due to general elections using the normal room.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street.

Please note change of room. Meeting in the Function Room – Worcester Street entrance – the big room along from the public café.