
Disability Strategic Advisory Panel

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel held in the Boardroom, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Monday, 19 May 2014 at 11.00am.

PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Dr Huhana Hickey | |
| Deputy Chairperson | Colleen Brown, MNZM, JP | |
| Members | David Hughes | |
| | Tania Kingi | |
| | Clive Lansink | |
| | Don McKenzie, CNZM, OBE | |
| | Dr Terry O'Neill | |
| | Ezekiel Robson | From 11.12am, Item 5 |
| | Susan Sherrard | |
| Liaison Councillor | Sharon Stewart, QSM | Until 12.20pm, Item 8 |

APOLOGIES

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| Member | Sandra Budd |
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1 Apologies

Resolution number DIS/2014/28

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson CB Brown:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **accept the apologies from Sandra Budd for absence and Ezekiel Robson for lateness.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number DIS/2014/29

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting held on Monday, 28 April 2014 as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

5 Universal access to regional facilities

Judy Lawley, Manager Local Board Engagement, Regional Facilities Auckland attended and gave a verbal presentation. She answered questions from members on access to and seating in the Aotea Centre, accessibility audits of facilities, accessibility of events and the changing demographic of the region.

Resolution number DIS/2014/30

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member T O'Neill:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **thank Judy Lawley for her presentation on universal access to regional facilities.**

CARRIED

6 Universal access and design position paper

Rachael Trotman, CDS Principal Advisor and Claire Wilson, Community Development Facilitator attended and discussed priorities for council in relation to access, inclusion and design that are emerging. A copy of their presentation has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Lisa Dunshea, Urban Design Programme Leader also attended and provided input to the presentation.

Comments from members in response to the presentation included the following:

- the key is to join the dots across Council
- seek regular contact with the Urban Design Panel (UDP)
- what capacity does the UDP have to understand accessibility
- which are the 5 Local Boards working with Be.Accessible
- what is the selection method for the UDP members
- issue with new housing having no downstairs toilet facilities
- assumption that persons with disabilities are children or those being cared for as opposed to mums or dads
- want full diversity of disabled persons to be recognised
- the problem is systemic across all strands of Council
- transport area would provide the highest impact for change

Resolution number DIS/2014/31

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson CB Brown:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) thank Rachael Trotman, Claire Wilson and Lisa Dunshea for their presentation on emerging priorities.**
- b) provide feedback on these emerging priorities and the development of the Universal access and design position paper.**
- c) request the Urban Design Panel to incorporate into its personnel at least two persons with professional design experience and with knowledge of cross disability access issues and the world-wide trends involving inclusive design.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Creating an accessible Auckland

7 Developing a Disability Policy

The Chairperson thanked member Clive Lansink for the work he had done on this proposal.

Resolution number DIS/2014/32

MOVED by Member C Lansink, seconded by Chairperson H Hickey:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) approve the proposal for Auckland Council to develop a comprehensive disability strategy for Auckland.**
- b) request, by way of a presentation to a Governing Body meeting, that Council develop a Disability Strategy as outlined in the proposal attached to the agenda report.**

CARRIED

8 Input to Local Boards

Karen Titulaer, Senior Policy Advisor, Local Board Services provided a written response titled "Accessibility in Local Board Plans", a copy of which has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number DIS/2014/33

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member T O'Neill:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **approve the proposed standard input to Local Boards.**
- b) **request the attendance of an appropriate staff member from Local Board Services at the next meeting.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Accessibility in Local Board Plans

The meeting adjourned at 12.20pm and reconvened at 12.55pm.

9 Inclusive Engagement

Katie Watson, Consultation and Engagement Advisor and Paul Brown, Strategic Advisor (Disability), Community Development and Safety Unit provided an update on work done since their last meeting with the Panel including the following:

- website training including NZ Foundation of the Blind
- Annual Plan team – labelling of documents
- Word documents – not yet policy but talking to Information Services
- Persons with learning difficulties being engaged – summary documents
- Inclusive Engagement Expo on 24 June 2014 in the Limelight Room from 10am to 4pm.

Comments from members in response to the update included the following:

- Hui on Marae – where are guide dogs permitted?
- Marae accessibility generally – awareness of tribal differences
- Great practical resource – use some case studies to illustrate better

Resolution number DIS/2014/34

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson CB Brown:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **receive the Inclusive Engagement report.**
- b) **receive and provide feedback on the following draft documents:**
 - i) **Inclusive Engagement - an events guide for Auckland Council.**
 - ii) **Checklist for an accessible and inclusive event.**
- c) **encourage Council Controlled Organisations to use the events guide.**

CARRIED

10 Significance and Engagement Policy

Carol Hayward, Team Leader, Consultation and Engagement attended, accompanied by Ben Parsons, and made a presentation and sought feedback from members. A copy of her presentation has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number DIS/2014/35

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member T Kingi:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the Significance and Engagement Policy report.
- b) consider the process and provide initial feedback about the development of the policy.

CARRIED

Attachments

A Significance and Engagement Policy presentation

11 Chairperson's report

The Chairperson provided a verbal update including the following:

- Attendance at an Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board community meeting on 12 May 2014 with Te Roopu Waiora Trust seeking support for the disability community's plan to build an accessible, inclusive marae
- Meeting with the Mayor following this meeting

Resolution number DIS/2014/36

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member D Hughes:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the Chairperson's verbal report.

CARRIED

12 General Business

Members raised the following items of general business:

- Colleen Brown – number of sponsors Council has obtained in respect of free swimming pools for persons with disabilities?
- David Hughes – longer meetings need more breaks to maintain concentration.
- Colleen Brown - fewer items on agenda.
- Ezekiel Robson – was the DSAP appendix attached to Council's submission to the Local Government and Environment Committee in respect of the Building (Earthquake-Prone Buildings) Amendment Bill 2013 or just to the staff report? What evidence is there to support the claim in paragraph 40 of the submission that "the additional cost of upgrade on top of a seismic upgrade will add substantially towards the total cost of strengthening the building"?
- Ezekiel Robson – with respect to Council's role as an employer – how is Council treating disabled employees – what opportunities are there for disabled employees and how is this measured?

Resolution number DIS/2014/37

MOVED by Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson CB Brown:

That the Disability Strategic Advisory Panel:

- a) **receive the verbal discussion on issues and events occurring since the last meeting of the Panel.**

CARRIED

13 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.55pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE DISABILITY STRATEGIC
ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....