
Disability Advisory Panel

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Disability Advisory Panel held in the Board Room, Ground Floor, Town Hall on Monday, 16 February 2015 at 10.00am.

PRESENT

Interim Chairperson	Dr Huhana Hickey, MNZM	
Members	Colleen Brown, MNZM, JP Dan Buckingham Jade Farrar John Herring David Hughes Nicola Keyworth Clive Lansink Susan Sherrard	From 10.10am, Item 5
Liaison Councillor	Sharon Stewart, QSM	Until 11.30am, Item 8

APOLOGIES

Member	Don McKenzie, CNZM, OBE	For absence
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1 Apologies

Resolution number DIS/2015/1

MOVED by Interim Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member D Buckingham:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) **accept the apologies from Don McKenzie for absence and Colleen Brown for lateness.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number DIS/2015/2

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

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting held on Monday, 15 December 2014 as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

Colleen Brown entered the meeting at 10.10am.

5 Disability Strategy for Auckland

Dr Roger Blakeley, Chief Planning Officer and Kataraina Maki, General Manager – Community & Social Policy were in attendance to speak to this matter and to respond to questions from the Panel. Dr Blakeley reiterated the information provided in his response to the Panel contained in Attachment B to the agenda report. Kataraina agreed to report back at the next meeting. Comments from members included the following:

- Clive Lansink – supports the direction being taken and wants to see an Action Plan
- Huhana Hickey – the Action Plan needs to have dates when things will be done and reporting of progress on actions; requested input from council's Community Development Advisors to the Action Plan
- Colleen Brown – tension between Council plans and building owners ideas – difficulties with the Building Code

Resolution number DIS/2015/3

MOVED by Member C Lansink, seconded by Member CB Brown:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) **note that the Council seeks to achieve the outcomes sought by people with disabilities in Auckland, not through the development of a Disability Strategy for Auckland, but through an Action Plan of practical and achievable actions and initiatives.**
- b) **provide the following advice to assist the Council in developing an Action Plan that would make a positive difference to the quality of life of people with disabilities in Auckland:**

- i) note that Aucklanders with disabilities are members of the public, pay rates and ought to be treated as full citizens.
- ii) note the undertakings already in the Auckland Plan related to People with Disabilities.
- iii) hold that a liveable city is an accessible city for all.
- iv) draw Council's attention to the legal provisions in S18 of the Building Act, the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1993, and the NZ Bill of Rights 1990.
- v) refer Council to the inconsistencies regarding disabled access highlighted in the interim report, Access to Buildings for people with disabilities, 2014.
- vi) ask the Urban Design Panel to assume a professional role in implementing the principles of Universal Access design and build.
- vii) request that the Auckland Design Manual progressively become over ten years, a regulatory tool so enhancing the sustainability and usability of the built environment.
- viii) request that removal of barriers to access for people of all ages and abilities be integrated into all infrastructural development and upgrades.
- ix) request that the Long-term Plan budgets integrate universal access design and build into approvals for infrastructural development and upgrades, and set 5 and 10 year milestones for the elimination of barriers to people of all ages and abilities.
- x) request that "within the context of what is affordable and achievable", the needs of people with disabilities are treated equitably and not as a 'special minority' "add-on" group.
- xi) request that Programme Managers produce an Annual Accessibility Improvement Report on the built environment, public transport, social housing, access to open spaces and recreation and information access.
- xii) request the Chief Planning Officer to review the proposals in i) to xi) above and develop an Action Plan to be reported back to the next meeting of the Panel.

CARRIED

6 NZ Disability Support Network

Mireille Vreeburg, Executive Facilitator Auckland from the New Zealand Disability Support Network introduced herself and the work of her organisation.

Resolution number DIS/2015/4

MOVED by Interim Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member J Farrar:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the information about the New Zealand Disability Support Network and thank Mireille Vreeburg for her presentation.

CARRIED

7 Advice on voting and candidates for the 2016 local government elections

Marguerite Delbet, Manager Democracy Services, Glyn Walters, Manager Elections Planning and Dale Ofsoske, Electioneering Services were in attendance to respond to questions from the Panel. Comments from members included the following:

- Huhana Hickey – the main issues are people with visual disabilities, learning disabilities and those who are housebound
- Colleen Brown – as a JP she offered her services at the central government elections to go to people's homes to help them to vote but was not used that well. Removal of post boxes is becoming a problem. Need to get information online and in local newspapers.
- Sharon Stewart – are there any thoughts of having a polling day for local government elections as this might increase the turnout.
- David Hughes – need to have a photograph of the candidate next to their name on the ballot paper.
- John Herring – strong support for electronic or online voting as this will have the single biggest impact on voter turnout for people with disabilities.
- Jade Farrar – younger people with disabilities need the whole process to be explained well in advance. Kids voting programme to be repeated.
- Susan Sherrard – 'My Voice Matters' programme last year had good attendances at workshops.
- Clive Lansink – acknowledged the commitment of council to make a difference. The information that is available needs to be accessible. Library staff should assist people to fill in ballot papers.
- Colleen Brown – need to look at what other local authorities have done on their websites. Returning officers need to be trained to cope with all people in the community.

Resolution number DIS/2015/5

MOVED by Interim Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member S Sherrard:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) strongly advise Council to use all mechanisms to expedite the implementation of an e-voting trial for the 2016 local government elections and full implementation for 2019.**
- b) request the electoral team to regularly update the Panel to ensure the disability community can take part in the 2016 elections.**
- c) request Council staff to take on board the suggestions raised at this meeting.**

CARRIED

Cr Sharon Stewart left the meeting at 11.30am.

8 Long-term Plan - consultation update

Joanna Wilkins, Specialist Engagement & Consultation was in attendance to speak to this item.

Resolution number DIS/2015/6

MOVED by Interim Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member J Herring:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the Long-term Plan consultation update and provide advice on strategies to achieve high levels of participation by people with disabilities across all aspects of the consultation.**

- b) **strongly recommend the continuation of the audience-specific Have your say event on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, 11 March 2015 and the opportunity for panel members to participate.**

CARRIED

9 Disability matters in Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025

Resolution number DIS/2015/7

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

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) **agree that it will provide strategic advice to the council on the Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025 regarding matters affecting people with disabilities.**
- b) **appoint a subgroup comprising members Hickey, Brown, Buckingham, Farrar, Herring, Lansink (lead) and McKenzie together with the Lead Officer Support to develop this strategic advice for finalisation at the next Panel meeting or by 16 March 2015.**

CARRIED

10 Strategic Advisors (Disability) Overview of Work Programme

Martine Abel and Paul Brown were in attendance to provide a verbal overview of the work they undertake.

Resolution number DIS/2015/8

MOVED by Interim Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member S Sherrard:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) **receive the Overview of Work Programme update from the Strategic Advisors (Disability).**
- b) **acknowledge the speciality of the skills undertaken by the Strategic Advisors (Disability) and request that this be retained.**

CARRIED

11 Auckland Transport Update

Resolution number DIS/2015/9

MOVED by Interim Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member J Farrar:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) **receive this update on recent Auckland Transport related engagements.**
- b) **request Auckland Transport to explain how the incident at the Morningside Drive rail crossing happened and what steps will be taken to rectify the situation.**
- c) **request Auckland Transport to report back more broadly on how it is delivering on accessibility.**
- d) **request that the Public Transport Accessibility Group and the Capital Projects Accessibility Group be involved early in the tendering process.**

CARRIED

12 DAP Work Programme Update

Resolution number DIS/2015/10

MOVED by Interim Chairperson H Hickey, seconded by Member S Sherrard:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) **note the matters that need to be progressed over the next month in its work programme.**

CARRIED

13 Election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Kevin Wright, Lead Officer Support assumed the role of chairperson for this item.

Resolution number DIS/2015/11

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

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) **agree that the chairperson and deputy chairperson will be elected by closed ballot.**
- b) **agree that the chairperson and deputy chairperson will be elected using voting system B (as described in Schedule 7, Clause 25 of the Local Government Act 2002).**

CARRIED

The Lead Officer Support called for nominations for chairperson. Dr Huhana Hickey was nominated by Colleen Brown and seconded by Jade Farrar. Clive Lansink was nominated by Susan Sherrard and seconded by Dr Huhana Hickey.

The election took place by closed ballot conducted by the Democracy Advisor and scrutineered by the Principal Advisor Panels in the absence of the liaison Councillor.

Resolution number DIS/2015/12

MOVED by Member S Sherrard, seconded by Chairperson H Hickey:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- c) **elect Clive Lansink as chairperson of the Disability Advisory Panel for the remainder of the term.**

CARRIED

The Lead Officer Support vacated the Chair. The chairperson called for nominations for deputy chairperson. John Herring was nominated by David Hughes and seconded by Clive Lansink.

Resolution number DIS/2015/13

MOVED by Member D Hughes, seconded by Member C Lansink:

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- d) **elect John Herring as deputy chairperson of the Disability Advisory Panel for the remainder of the term.**

CARRIED

14 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.10 pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY
PANEL HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....