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## **Disability Advisory Panel**

### **OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Disability Advisory Panel held in the Board Room, Ground Floor , Town Hall on Monday, 22 June 2015 at 10.00am.

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#### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Clive Lansink	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	John Herring	
<b>Members</b>	Colleen Brown, MNZM, JP	
	Dan Buckingham	
	Jade Farrar	
	David Hughes	
	Nicola Keyworth	
	Don McKenzie, CNZM, OBE	
	Susan Sherrard	
<b>Liaison Councillor</b>	Sharon Stewart, QSM	From 10.05am, item 5 until 11.55am, item 7

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**1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number DIS/2015/33

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson J Herring, seconded by Member D Buckingham:

**That the Disability Advisory Panel:**

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting held on Monday, 11 May 2015 as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**4 Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

*Cr Sharon Stewart entered the meeting at 10.05am.*

**5 Auckland Design Manual**

Simon Harrison spoke to the attachment to the agenda report and responded to questions and comments from panel members. Simon Harrison emphasised that there is no statutory requirement for universal design, but referring to the Universal Design Forum, he said he would like it to develop into a voice pushing for improved regulations.

Clive Lansink commented that the panel were in agreement with the work of the team but noted that there appeared to be a lack of commitment at a regulatory and council level to universal design as a fundamental principle guiding Council developments. It was agreed that a sub-group of the panel should develop a comprehensive statement on Universal Design for the panel to consider adopting at its next meeting.

Resolution number DIS/2015/34

MOVED by Chairperson C Lansink, seconded by Member D McKenzie:

**That the Disability Advisory Panel:**

- a) **thank Simon Harrison for his presentation on the Auckland Design Manual.**
- b) **request a sub-group comprising John Herring and Don McKenzie to develop a comprehensive statement on Universal Design for the panel to consider adopting at its meeting on 3 August 2015.**
- c) **request Simon Harrison to keep the panel abreast of developments in this area periodically.**

**CARRIED**

**6 Presentation by Karen Smith, Brain Research Clinic  
University of Auckland**

Clive Lansink welcomed Karen Smith, Clinical Research Nurse, Centre for Brain Research, University of Auckland to the meeting.

Karen Smith addressed the meeting on making Auckland a dementia-friendly community and responded to questions and comments from panel members.

Resolution number DIS/2015/35

MOVED by Member J Farrar, seconded by Member CB Brown:

**That the Disability Advisory Panel:**

- a) **thank Karen Smith for her presentation on the work of the Brain Research Clinic.**

**CARRIED**

*Cr Sharon Stewart left the meeting at 11.55am.*

**7 Empowering Communities Approach project**

Graham Bodman, GM Community Development, Arts and Culture and Cissy Rock, Senior Community Development Project Leader provided a verbal update on progress being made with the Empowered Communities Approach project and responded to questions and comments from panel members. Graham Bodman explained that the concept of empowering communities was not just limited to place. Communities can also be of identity and interest.

In view of the possibility that the Disability Advisor roles might be disestablished, Panel members asked how Council intends to retain knowledge of disability. Graham Bodman explained that they are hoping not to lose any functions but they are still considering where in Council such functions might be retained.

Panel members generally spoke in favour of empowering communities but it was emphasised that Council must also recognise its obligations to people with disabilities as customers and rate payers who have needs that may not be well understood. It is vital that Council must maintain its own specialist knowledge of how best to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

Resolution number DIS/2015/36

MOVED by Chairperson C Lansink, seconded by Member D McKenzie:

**That the Disability Advisory Panel:**

- a) **receive the update concerning progress with the Empowered Communities Approach project.**
- b) **note that the concept of empowered communities applies equally to the disability community throughout Auckland.**
- c) **reinforce its earlier advice that the specialist knowledge and skills of the Strategic Advisors (Disability) be retained, so Council can be in the best position to understand its obligations to and meet the unique needs of people with disabilities as customers and rate payers.**
- d) **emphasise to Council that another reason for retaining internal specialist knowledge of disability needs is to provide necessary leadership in this area to Council as a whole.**

**CARRIED**

## 8 Auckland Transport Update

Martine Abel provided a verbal update and reported that she had requested the written response from Auckland Transport referred to in the resolutions from the meeting of the panel on 30 March 2015.

The Chairperson reminded the meeting that the resolutions from the meeting on 30 March 2015 included a request for Auckland Council to advise the panel on how it ensures Council-controlled Organisations such as Auckland Transport, through the authority delegated to them, meet their legal obligations and comply with council policy. He said the Panel still looks forward to receiving Council's response, so the Panel will be able to provide more comprehensive advice to Council on disability issues relating to Council-Controlled Organisations.

Resolution number DIS/2015/37

MOVED by Member D Hughes, seconded by Member J Farrar:

**That the Disability Advisory Panel:**

- a) **receive this update on recent Auckland Transport related engagements.**

**CARRIED**

## 9 Community Summit

Susan Sherrard and John Herring provided a verbal update on progress made with planning for the community summit.

Resolution number DIS/2015/38

MOVED by Member CB Brown, seconded by Member N Keyworth:

**That the Disability Advisory Panel:**

- a) **receive the verbal update on progress with the community summit.**

**CARRIED**

## 10 DAP Work Programme Update

Resolution number DIS/2015/39

MOVED by Chairperson C Lansink, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J Herring:

**That the Disability Advisory Panel:**

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

**CARRIED**

## 11 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

12.45pm

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 ADVISORY  
PANEL HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....