



I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Disability Advisory Panel will be held on:

Date: Monday, 3 August 2015
Time: 10.00am
Meeting Room: Board Room, Ground Floor
Venue: Auckland Town Hall
301-305 Queen Street
Auckland

Disability Advisory Panel

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Clive Lansink
Deputy Chairperson	John Herring
Members	Colleen Brown, MNZM, JP Dan Buckingham Jade Farrar David Hughes Nicola Keyworth Don McKenzie, CNZM, OBE Susan Sherrard
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Disability Advisory Panel (DAP) was established by the Mayor in June 2011.

Its purpose is to provide strategic advice on pan-disability issues to the Mayor, governing body, local boards, Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs) and Council on:

- the interests and preferences of persons with disabilities in Auckland in relation to regional strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws of the Council;
- any other matters that the Panel considers to be of particular interest or concern to persons with disabilities in Auckland; and
- processes and mechanisms for engaging with persons with disabilities in Auckland.

The DAP has up to 11 members who are appointed on the basis of their individual expertise and experience in strategic thinking, governance and communication skills, knowledge of disability and accessibility issues and connections with disability organisations and networks across Auckland.

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1 Apologies

An apology from Member N Keyworth has been received.

2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting held on Monday, 22 June 2015 as a true and correct record.

4 Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

Item 5 - Disability Action Plan - Update on Progress

File No.: CP2015/14629

Purpose

1. To inform the Panel of progress being made with the development of the Disability Action Plan.

Executive Summary

2. The scope and process for developing the Disability Action Plan was presented to the Panel at its meeting on 11 May 2015. The Panel requested that they be provided with regular updates on progress with the development of the Plan.
3. A verbal presentation will be made to the Panel that will include:
 - a summary of the stocktake of council strategy, policies and plans
 - a synopsis of some key themes relating to public submissions to the council 2015 – 2025 draft Long-term Plan, the Annual Plan, the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan and Local Board Plans
 - an outline of discussions held with key staff across the council and council controlled organisations
 - details of an upcoming workshop with council staff
 - an outline of the next steps.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) receive the verbal presentation concerning progress with the Disability Action Plan.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Signatories

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Authoriser	Andrew Wood - Lead Officer Support

Item 6 - Developing a Statement on Universal Design

File No.: CP2015/14899

Purpose

1. To present a draft statement on Universal Design to the Disability Advisory Panel for discussion and adoption.

Executive Summary

2. At its meeting on 22 June 2015, the Disability Advisory Panel received a presentation on the Auckland Design Manual and 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.
3. The Panel resolved (DIS/2015/34) and requested that “ a sub-group comprising John Herring and Don McKenzie develop a comprehensive statement on Universal Design for the Panel to consider adopting at its meeting on 3 August 2015 ”.
4. The sub-group subsequently met and developed a draft comprehensive statement on Universal Design which is included as Attachment A.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) consider the draft comprehensive statement on Universal Design for adoption.

Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	Disability Advisory Panel draft statement on the Auckland Design Manual	11

Signatories

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DAP draft statement on the intended universal design section, Auckland design manual, item 5 June 2015.

This internal draft is to assist DAP to respond to Council on the above topic, following the presentation by Simon Harrison on the strategic approach to universal design within theADM. DAP is also asked to clarify how the Panel would like to be involved in the development of content and tools on the universal design hub; and to decide on how the DAP would like to engage with the universal design forum.

Council's initiation of the Universal Design project is welcomed by DAP as an extremely progressive step. Council commitment to a culture of universal access design would put the 23% of Auckland's population with impairments on a par with others in terms of accessing amenities and services intended for public use.

The comments below aim to strengthen the project further through constructive dialogue. The DAP would like to work closely with the universal design team during the programme's formative development.

Project aims.

There was agreement on the direction of the stated aims. Minor wording changes are suggested for objective 2 and 4, and an objective 5 is added. (see draft recommendations).

Comment was made that the aims were couched as ambitions rather than time limited objectives which is DAP's recommendation. Further, the word "should" is widely used in the statement of aims and may best be eliminated in order to make the goals more active.

The concept of "reasonable accommodation" was not directly mentioned in the stated aims, that is, an option for "choice" was not offered where a single design solution cannot accommodate all users.

Personas, stories and movies.

A panellist raised the question of personas, stories and movies that represent people with disabilities as part of the project's promotion. The need to "sell" the Universal Design project is appreciated. However, can the Panel be satisfied that representation of people with disabilities and the situations they are placed in through inadequate design are authentic and respectful. The stories, it is said, identify goals, desires and limitations. Can the Panel be confident that portraits do not trivialize and minimise the impact of avoidable barriers faced by people with disabilities as they go about their daily business?

Implementation.

It is evident that the Universal Design project seeks to rely on awareness raising, advocacy and education to reach its strategic goals. There is no doubt that guidance, information and awareness will make a difference. For certain, the life-changing implications of disability and the barriers imposed by the built environment, remain poorly understood by designers and sanctioners. However, some panellists noted that these strategies of encouragement and direction have been pursued since Government's intent to combat systemic discrimination was writ into law in the early 1990s via the Bill of rights 1990, the Human Rights act 1993 and the Building Act and NZS Standard 4121 1991. Persuasion has had only limited success over the last 25 years. Currently, it would seem that anti-discrimination law is flouted with impunity.

The presentation did not relate the project to the existing law, regulations and requirements.

Status of Aucklanders with disability.

The 2013 census, Statistics NZ, provides ample evidence that the prevalence of disability among Aucklanders is growing, that this population is becoming more diverse and that people with disabilities are worse off than non-disabled people in terms of employment, income, education, safety, social contact and well-being. Limited access to civic amenities and services affect the quality of life of around 23% of the region's population who are disabled or who are prone to some kind of impairment, temporary or permanent. Most barriers to participation and inclusion are avoidable through better design and systems change.

draft recommendations.

A) Frame the aims as time-limited objectives in active voice as follows:

1. Everyone to be included irrespective of their capability, knowledge skill, age or size.
2. Everywhere to be physically accessible to everyone and achievable in an easy, safe independent, dignified and convenient way.
3. Everything to be accessible, understandable and usable by everyone, everywhere.
4. Every time a task is undertaken, the desired results/outcomes are able to be achieved irrespective of changing conditions or circumstances.
5. Offer choice where a single design solution cannot accommodate everyone.

B) Implementation.

Urge full Council to introduce the concepts and benefits of universal design as standard practice over the next five to ten years in order to achieve liveability for all Aucklanders, and to advocate this approach to Central Government in conformance with anti-discrimination law.

C) DAP ongoing Involvement with the Universal Design project.

i. That, DAP request regular contact with the design team during the project's formative development. A liaison panel member could be an advantage.

ii. The "hub" is seen as best made up of professionals with the cross-disciplinary knowledge and understanding of design and engineering requirements on the one hand, and practitioners who have a proven understanding of the access needs of people with various impairments on the other.

Understanding diversity within the community is essential. Reality checks from a forum of diverse consumers is critical.

D) DAP engagement in the Universal Design forum.

That, a Strategic Advisor (disability) or, an interested panel member seek participation in the forum as a liaison between the Panel, the Hub and Forum members.

D McK draft 1.

End.

Item 7 - Community Summit - Progress Update

File No.: CP2015/14838

Purpose

1. To discuss progress with the community summit.

Executive Summary

2. Susan Sherrard and John Herring will provide a verbal update to the Panel on progress with the community summit.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

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

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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Item 8 - DAP Work Programme Update

File No.: CP2015/15108

Purpose

1. To review the work programme for the period to 30 June 2015 and determine what should be continued and any new issues that need the Panel's input.

Executive Summary

2. The Regional Strategy and Policy Committee will receive a report at its meeting on Thursday, 6 August 2015 regarding the work programmes of the demographic advisory panels. This report will cover the issues, projects and policies that the Panels have given advice on and feedback to Council for the 2014/2015 year.
3. At its meeting on 3 August 2015 the Disability Advisory Panel should review the work programme, determine what is complete or no longer relevant, what should be continued and any new issues that need the Panel's input.

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) review its work programme and determine those matters that should be continued and any new issues that need the Panel's input.

Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	DAP - Work programme to 30 June 2015	19

Signatories

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Disability Advisory Panel – Final Work Programme 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015

Key Programmes and Priorities	Sub-programmes	Other key agencies	Delivery	Implementation	Overlap with other Panels	Planned date	Progress to 30 April 2015
Employment	Feedback on council's Inclusive Employment Forum report		Community Development, Arts and Culture	Auckland Council	PPAP	February 2015	Completed on 23 February 2015
Transport	Input to AT (directly and via CPAG and PTAG) to support universal access in its designs and service delivery; including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ongoing input to support accessible public transport that is user-friendly and safe around rail crossings, terminals and interchanges promotion of the need for clear signage and audible information on transport movements, destinations and timetables. 	Auckland Transport	Community Development, Arts and Culture Auckland Transport	Auckland Transport	YAP SAP	June 2015	DAP resolved on 15 December 2014 not to have a representative on CPAG and PTAG because AT would not agree to pay a meeting fee to a DAP representative. Paul Brown and Martine Abel are members and regularly report back to DAP. DAP input was provided to AT on 19 March and 16 April 2015. AT manager was requested to attend the 11 May DAP meeting – yet to be confirmed if they will attend.
Accessibility (buildings, environs, events)	Input into accessible open and recreational spaces, including parks, pools and beaches with accessible toilets, for people of all ages and abilities		Parks, Sports and Recreation	Parks, Sports and Recreation	SAP	June 2015	Anna McElrea advised on 21 April 2015 that this input will be via the Disability Action Plan process.
	Dialogue with the Urban Design Panel to ensure it applies the principles of universal access, reasonable accommodation and personal safety		Council and CCOs	Council and CCOs	SAP	March 2015	DAP discussed urban design panel matters at its meeting on 30 March 2015. DAP's opportunity to influence will be via Simon Harrison who is developing the universal design hub for the Auckland Design Manual. DAP will be asked to provide input in May and this will be formalised at the 22 June DAP meeting.
	Progress from submission on the Building Code (Built Environment)	Office for Disability Issues	Built Environment	Built Environment		May 2015	Completed - Megan McCoy from the Office for Disability Issues attended the DAP meeting on 11 May 2015.
Housing	Input to support provision of a range of affordable and social housing designed for safety and convenience, and that accommodates diverse needs	Housing NZ MBIE	Housing Project Office	Housing Project Office	All	March 2015	Completed - Rose Leonard provided a report to the 11 May DAP meeting on Development Auckland. The Panel expected that Development Auckland will work with people with disabilities and that there will be the creation of housing that is accessible and affordable
Long Term Plan Consultation	Input to council's Long Term Plan consultation approach (joint input from all panels)		Communication and Engagement	Communication and Engagement Community Development, Arts and Culture	All	March 2015	Completed. Clive Lansink provided a letter to council dated 2 April 2015 and presented to the Budget Committee on 14 April 2015.
General	Discussions with Councillors and CCO CEs about disability issues and the need for a		CPO			February 2015	Council staff reported on a proposed scope and process to the DAP meeting on 11 May 2015. The panel recommended to staff the use of Option 3 from their report.

Key Programmes and Priorities	Sub-programmes	Other key agencies	Delivery	Implementation	Overlap with other Panels	Planned date	Progress to 30 April 2015
	disability strategy						
	Input to council's Family, Whānau and Sexual Violence Multi-Sector Action Plan		Community and Social Policy	Community Development, Arts and Culture		March 2015	Completed - DAP provided input at its meeting on 11 May 2015.
Community Summit(s)	Housing? (tbc)	Tba			All	June 2015	A working group has been established to plan for the joint community summit on Accessible & Affordable Housing with the Seniors Advisory Panel. First meeting held on the 6 th June 2015
Actions completed July to December 2014							
Employment	Delivery of Inclusive Employment Forum	Be. Institute, Ministry of Social Development, Disability Employment Forum and Disabled Persons Organisations	Community Development, Arts and Culture	Auckland Council	YAP	November 2014	Completed November 2014
Transport	Feedback on AT's draft Code of Practice	Auckland Transport	Auckland Transport	Auckland Transport		July 2014	Completed July 2014
	Feedback on AT's Parking Discussion Document	Auckland Transport	Auckland Transport	Auckland Transport		July 2014	Completed July 2014
Accessibility (buildings, environs, events)	Input to council's Community Facilities Network Plan	Regional Facilities Auckland	Community and Social Policy	Council and CCOs		September 2014	Completed September 2014
	Input to council's Community Grants Policy		Community and Social Policy			August 2014	Completed August 2014
	Feedback on council's Local Alcohol Policy		Community and Social Policy			August 2014	Completed August 2014
	Feedback on council's Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan		Community and Social Policy			September 2014	Completed September 2014
Council response to issues raised by the community	Arts Access Aotearoa	Arts Access Aotearoa		Community Development, Arts and Culture		August 2014	Completed August 2014