Te Rōpū Kaitohutohu Take Hunga Hauā / Disability Advisory Panel
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Disability Advisory Panel held in the Council Chamber, Auckland Town Hall, Ground Floor, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Monday, 17 June 2019 at 10.02am.

PRESENT

Chairperson
Mary Schnackenberg, CNZM

Deputy Chairperson
Dan Buckingham

Members
Jade Farrar
Kramer Hoeflich
Rachel Peterson
Ursula Thynne

From 10.03am, Item 1
From 10.24am, Item 6
Until 11.40am, Item 8

ABSENT

Chief Liaison Councillor
Cr Dr Cathy Casey

Liaison Councillor
Cr Josephine Bartley
Gemma Stewart

ALSO PRESENT

Cr Ross Clow

From 12.23pm, Item 10
Until 12.45pm, Item 11
1 **Apologies**

The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) accepted the apology from Cr J Bartley and Cr Dr C Casey for absence, and Member U Thynne for lateness.

2 **Declaration of Interest**

Member R Peterson declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 5 - Disability Advisory Panel community forums.

3 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number DIS/2019/1

MOVED by Chairperson M Schnackenberg, seconded by Member R Peterson:

The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) confirmed the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Monday, 18 March 2019 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 **Additional Items**

Note: the Disability Advisory Panel members passed on their condolences to Cr Bartley.

5 **Disability Advisory Panel community forums**

*Member D Buckingham joined the meeting at 10.03am*

A PowerPoint presentation was provided. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) noted the discussion on future community forums.

Note: the following topics were discussed:

- Logistics for the next planned community forum, including support staff, budget, rooms and space in the venue, parking and accessibility, and transport to the forum.
- Topics for discussion.
- Learnings from previous community forum.
- Accommodating those who are non-verbal communicators.
6 Disability Advisory Panel’s end of term report

Member U Thynne joined the meeting at 10.24am.

The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) noted the guidance from the Principal Advisor Panels about the end of term report.

Note: the following topics were discussed:

- Draft report will be circulated in advance of the next panel meeting.
- Including in the report the panel’s advocacy for an accessible City Rail Link station.

7 Accessibility at Regional Facilities Auckland venues

The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) received the update from Regional Facilities Auckland regarding accessibility for people with disabilities.

Note: the following topics were discussed:

- Ticketmaster booking process.
- Access for wheelchair users at Mt Smart Stadium.
- Having facilities for friends and family to sit together with wheelchair users.
- Potential revenue loss from venues which are difficult to access for disabled customers.
- Signed and interpreted performances across Auckland being staggered so they don’t all happen on the same day.

The meeting adjourned 11.10am and reconvened at 11.16am.

8 Update on e-scooters in Auckland

A PowerPoint presentation was provided. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) received the report on e-scooters.

Note: the following topics were discussed:

• This is the second trial period for e-scooter companies. The trial is assessing the benefits of e-scooters.
• Code of practices for companies and individual owners.
• What is being done to make e-scooters more accessible?
• E-scooters are included as part of the future plans for ensuring public safety for the disabled community. For example, bells on scooters and campaigns to raise awareness of the fact that they are silent.
• Operators pay the council for licences.
• Long term viability of e-scooters as part of the future of transport in Auckland.

Attachments
A 17 June 2019 - Disability Advisory Panel - Item 8, Update on e-scooters in Auckland - presentation

9 Pathways to Preparedness: A Planning Framework for Recovery
A PowerPoint presentation was provided. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

The Disability Advisory Panel:
a) received the draft Pathways to Preparedness: A Planning Framework for Recovery document.

Note: the following topics were discussed:
• Auckland Emergency Management framework.
• Executive summary – work programme and strategic planning.
• Community values.
• Importance of correct signage and limitations of accessible spaces.
• Importance of auditing.
• Emergency tools for areas.
• Register of accessible homes that disabled people could use in an emergency.

Attachments
A 17 June 2019 - Disability Advisory Panel - Item 9, Pathways to Preparedness: A Planning Framework for Recovery - presentation

The meeting adjourned 12:16pm and reconvened at 12.23pm.

10 Access to public elevators in Aotea Square
Note: changes to the original motion were incorporated with the agreement of the meeting.

Cr R Clow entered the meeting at 12.23pm.
Cr R Clow retired from the meeting at 12.45pm.
The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) noted the discussion about access to public elevators in the vicinity of Aotea Square.

b) agreed to work with the Seniors Advisory panel to recommend that Auckland Transport immediately replace the Town Hall elevator providing access to Aotea Square from the civic car park.

Note: The panel discussed the issue of the public elevator from the Civic Car Park to Aotea Square being frequently out of service. The following points were discussed:

- There is alternative access from the car park to Aotea Square using the Metro Centre elevators. However for wheelchair users, this can be difficult when carrying items such as a laptop and bags.
- The elevator is frequently out of service, and this has been happening for some years.
- Auckland Transport is aware of the issue, and the Disability Advisory Panel has written to them about this issue in the past.
- The panel agreed to make a recommendation to Auckland Transport and to liaise with the Seniors Advisory Panel with the aim of making a joint recommendation.

11 Planning for Ministerial meeting

The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) noted the discussion about the Ministerial meeting.

Note: the following topics were discussed:

- Potential topics for discussion including accessible housing, public transport, employment, national accessibility legislation, and disability and youth symposium
- Minister’s portfolio.
- Meeting arrangements including length of time.
- The panel agreed to discuss accessible housing and accessible public transport.

12 Disability Operational Action Plan update

The Disability Advisory Panel:

a) received the update on the Disability Operational Action Plan.

Note: the following topics were discussed:

- Feedback from previous meetings is being taken into account.
- Success markers around how accessible Auckland Council is.
- Staff offered to work closely with the panel including meeting with members at their convenience.
13 Consideration of Additional Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.17pm

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:............................................