Accessibility Advisory Group Annual Report 2016/17

1. Overview

1.1 Accessibility Advisory Group (AAG) structure and members

Accessibility Advisory Group membership:

Co-Chairs

Lee Rutene (until Oct 216)

Michael Bealing (from Oct 2016 onwards)

Julia Aguilera (from Oct 2016 onwards)

Members

Tim Pate

Julia Aguilar

Lee Rutene

Tristram Ingham

Christine Richardson

Alan Royal

Christine O'Sullivan

Staff Support

Delia Nolan - Democracy Advisor

Nevada Lee Mariu – Democracy Advisor

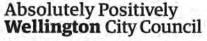
Carline Thomas - Democracy Advisor

Crispian Franklin - Acting Advisor

Caleb Bridgeman – Senior Democracy Advisor

1.2 Purpose of the Accessibility Advisory Group

- Advise Council on how to help grow a great and accessible City, where barriers to people with impairments are minimised.
- Bring lived experience and knowledge to Council around accessibility issues in the context of Council's roles and priorities.



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• The AAG will not be seen as representing all views on accessibility in the City.

AAG meetings and topics of discussion

The AAG had a busy year and provided feedback to Council on a wide range of areas including:

- Let's Get Wellington Moving
- AAG's structure
- The Chinese Garden
- North Kumutoto Development
- Water Supply Resilience Project
- Accessibility Action Plan
- Parking developments
- Play spaces
- Accessibility of sport and recreation facilities
- Community and Engagement
- Johnsonville Library developments
- Annual Plan
- Mobility Parking

1.4 Challenges

- The high rate of turnover of supporting council staff and a lack of dedicated accessibility officers adversely affected the effectiveness and ability of AAG to improve accessibility in Wellington City.
- The Kaikoura earthquakes since November 2016 caused major damage to many Council buildings and this has caused ongoing accessibility issues and led to two AAG meetings being cancelled.