
ANNUAL REPORT: ACCESSIBILITY ACTION PLAN

1. Purpose of Report

To provide an annual progress report on the initiatives outlined in the Accessibility Action Plan. The report (appendix one) describes initiatives that have been completed and or progressed the last year.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Community, Sport and Recreation Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note the achievements and progress in delivering on the priority area outcomes of the Accessibility Action Plan (appendix one)*

3. Background

The Accessibility Action Plan was adopted in April 2012 and outlines a city wide approach to accessibility. The goal when developing the plan was to optimise inclusion, opportunity and independence for people with impairments, focusing on accessibility not impairments.

The Action Plan enhances Wellington's reputation as an inclusive and socially responsible city and one that is accessible, safe and easy to get around. The plan sets out specific goals, and supports outcomes for places, people and partnerships in Wellington that will:

- reduce and eliminate social and physical barriers in our facilities, programmes, services and information mediums
- provide best-practice examples in planning for universal access and service delivery as well as in the development and implementation of policies
- provide staff development opportunities that will help enhance the Council's understanding and delivery of the action plan
- strengthen advocacy and partnerships with other tiers of government, departments and community stakeholders to address and eliminate barriers to participation
- reinforce a culture that celebrates the diversity of all people who live, work, and study or visit our city.

These outcomes are framed in six priority areas; social and recreation, governance, ease of travel, arts and culture, built environment and open spaces and economic development.

The Plan is monitored and reviewed annually through the Annual Report, with outcomes being reported to the community as part of the annual accessibility forum.

The report (appendix one) outlines the achievements and ongoing work in these priority areas. The report is an interim report as additional achievements will be added for the final version to be included in the Wellington City Council Annual Report.

3.1 Consultation and Engagement

The report was included as part of the Council's report to the community at the Accessibility Forum on the 6th of May 2014 and has been presented to the Accessibility Advisory Group.

3.2 Financial considerations

None.

3.3 Climate change impacts and considerations

None.

3.4 Long-term plan considerations

None.

4 Conclusion

This report outlines the progress on the priority area outcomes identified in the Accessibility Action Plan. The report (appendix one) describes initiatives that have been completed and/or progressed over the last year.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Accessibility Action Plan Supports Council's overall vision of Wellington Towards 2040: Smart Capital, one that puts people first. The plan also aligns with the People Centred City Outcomes, which emphasises resilient communities and a city that is accessible.

2) LTP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

The project is contained in the Council Plan # C130G and is covered in business as Usual.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Treaty of Waitangi implications were considered when developing and consulting on the Accessibility Action Plan

4) Decision-making

This is not a significant decision.

5) Consultation

This report has been tabled with AAG and the wider community as part of the accessibility forum.

6) Legal implications

There are no legal implication

7) Consistency with existing policy

N/A