

## Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Group Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 30 July 2019

**Time:** 5:35pm–7:31pm

**Venue:** Level 8 Mayors Office, Wellington City Council,  
113 The Terrace, Wellington

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### **PRESENT**

#### **Co-Chairpersons**

Tristram Ingham

#### **Members**

Erikka Helliwell, Rosie Macleod, Stuart Mills, and Alan Royal

#### **Councillor**

David Lee

#### **In Attendance**

Kay Houlahan – Democracy Advisor

Jenny Rains - Community Services Manager

Geoff Lawson – Principal Advisor

Helen Bolton – Senior Advisor

Kate Hodgetts – Senior Advisor

Fiona Bailey – Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor

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## **1. MEETING PROCEDURES**

### **1.1 Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed all present.

### **1.2 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Rachel Noble, Solmaz Nazari Orakani, and Nick Ruane.

Moved Alan Royal, seconded Stuart Mills Carried

### **1.3 Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of Interest were declared.

### **1.5 Confirmation of Minutes – Minutes of 25 June 2019**

That the minutes of 25 June 2019 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Moved Errika Helliwell, seconded Rosie MacLeod Carried

## **2. PRESENTATION**

### **2.1 Update on Mobility Survey 5.37pm**

Presenter: Helen Bolton, Senior Advisor, Wellington City Council

Helen Bolton presented on the Mobility Survey noting that while feedback numbers were low compared to the number of mobility ticket holders, participants provided detailed information. It was also noted that the number of ticket holders is low compared to the number of people who eligible for one.

Members discussed with the presenter:

- that the survey canvas at what time people might encounter difficulties accessing mobility spaces
- the legality of trucks and construction vehicles blocking mobility spaces
- the location and size of mobility spaces
- the need to publicize the location and availability of mobility spaces – including online in real time – was discussed
- whether a law change to allow instant fines would discourage opportunists from using mobility spaces
- the lack of mobility spaces in areas that attract youth

- the need for plain language in guidelines and the desirability of feedback mechanisms
- transit hubs
- usability forecasting
- compliance data.

Action:

The presenter agreed to:

- check the legality of trucks and construction vehicles blocking mobility spaces – particularly Lower Cuba Street
- check whether enforcement officers have to sight an offence or whether a picture sent in by a member of the public would suffice.

The advisory group resolved to collate its feedback for forwarding to Helen Bolton.

## 2.2 Parking Policy

6.22pm

Presenter: Helen Bolton, Senior Advisor, Wellington City Council

Helen Bolton presented on parking policy noting increased discussion regarding high density models and how such discussions need to consider mobility. It was further noted that parking policy was integral to bigger discussions such as climate change. It was acknowledged that, permission would need to be sought from the new Council to release the draft policy for consultation.

Members discussed with the presenter:

- improving any parking hierarchy diagram by using symbols and providing a plain language explanation
- the need for screen reader access for documentation
- including the increase in use of mobility spaces as a measure of success
- how private providers could be included in the discussion
- the decreased use of cars by pensioners.

Action:

The presenter agreed to:

- provide an updated version of parking policy objectives and principles
- provide the draft Mobility Parking Guidelines once available
- include in the recommendations of the draft Mobility Parking Review Report "Provide real-time occupancy information for mobility parking

spaces and add additional information to the Council's mobility parking space map to indicate the suitability of the space for WAVs.

The Advisory group resolved to collate its feedback for forwarding to Helen Bolton.

### **3. General Business**

**6.53pm**

#### **AAG Members Update**

AAG Members provided an update on items they were currently working on:

- Rosie MacLeod attended the Tawa Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) meeting
- Tristram Ingham and Nick Ruane reviewed applications for Accessibility Awards
- Tristram Ingham noted that he has been appointed chair of the New Zealand Independent Monitor Mechanism (IMM) to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD).
- Councillor Lee raised the issue of 3 recent events the council has been involved with that were not fully accessible.

#### Action:

Add to the AAG Forward Programme consideration of civil defence preparedness, resilience, and wellbeing.

### **4. Forward Programme for August**

**7.13pm**

- The advisory group discussed the disconnect between it providing feedback to officers and reports being presented to the Council or a committee without the advisory group knowing what, if any, of its feedback might have been incorporated into a report.
- The advisory group resolved to invite council staff to present on how the Council assists people with disability issues to participate in local authority elections.

#### Action:

Democracy Services staff to track meeting actions and to request updates from council staff prior to reports being presented to the Council or a committee.

### **5. Consultation and Engagement**

**7.28pm**

### **6. AAG Members only time**

**7.30pm**

The advisory group resolved to defer discussion of portfolio suggestions until the next meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.31pm.

**The next AAG meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27 August 2019 at 5.30pm.**