

DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP (DRG)

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5.30 PM

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2006

Committee Room 2

Members

Ollie Gordon
Jules Tangiwha
Jenny Rains
Paul Sisson
Katie Rigarlsford

Ross Livingstone
Lorraine Offord (Chair)
Nick Luger
Thomas Bryan

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Joanne Ward

3. Confirmation of Minutes

4. The Democratic Process

There was an overview of the Democratic Process and how it comes together to enable the Council to achieve their outcomes. The Council's different Business Units are responsible for different roles and implementing their respective strategies "to allow local decision-making of communities to promote economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of communities".

5. Annual Plan

The Annual Plan was presented to the group. From this presentation there were three areas of change that were identified.

- The Mobile Library will be taken off the road permanently. Apart from not being accessible for wheelchairs it is very expensive to run, regardless of how much use the library gets, and there are other systems in place, for example, home delivery.
- The Council Service Centre will be closed. The service centre in the city centre is only used for paying rates and is not viable, as there are other means of paying rates, for example, on the Internet

- Housing will be looked at. It has been recommended that 5% of housing be rented out at market value and put out for open tender. This would provide a return of \$330,000 and would be put back into the housing market.

6. Other Business

- It has been suggested that the 10th anniversary of the Disability Reference Group be celebrated with a get-together of past and present members.
- As part of the Lambton Quay upgrade it was recommended that the speed limit be reduced to 30kph.
- Nominations are open for the Youth Council. Although there were no names put forward it was felt that the DRG should still be represented on the Council.
- It was agreed that there should be follow-up discussions on the Annual Plan and Accessible Forum to determine what needs to happen now.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2006