

## **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 in Te Mahanga Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30 to 7.30pm

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Present**
- 2. Welcome from the Chair**
- 3. Conflict of interest**
- 4. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes**
- 5. Presentation by AAG to John Hutching,  
Chief Planning Officer**
- 6. Accessible Wellington Action Plan reporting**  
Jenny Rains, City Communities
- 7. AAG Sub-groups reportback**
- 8. Other business**
  - a. Hydrotherapy Pool (Rosemary)**
  - b. Women and employment (Rosemary)**
- 9. Recruitment**
- 10. Next Meeting**  
Tuesday 25th June 2013 in Te Mahanga Committee Room One

## **RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP**

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### **1. Present**

- Members                      Rosemary Cole, Lachlan MacKay, Angela Vandepoel, Julia Mosen, Alan Royal, Jason Strawbridge, Kendall Akhurst
- Councillors                      Iona Pannett
- Council officers                      Lisa Matthews, Jenny Rains, Donna Wilson, John Hutchings
- Interpreters
- Guests                              Rachel Ingram, Museums Trust

### **2. Welcome from the Chair**

Apologies: Shannon Krogmann

### **3. Conflict of interest**

None

### **5. Presentation by AAG to John Hutching, Chief Planning Officer**

Kendall welcomed John Hutchings to the meeting. John Hutching explained his directorate and the units within it. The group presented on how the AAG works, what it achieves and some of its successes and challenges.

Discussion:

- John Hutching welcomed the presentation; saying that unit gave him a greater understanding of their work and some of the challenges. He thought that there need to be more systems in place to ensure reporting back occurs.
- Iona Pannett thought that the organisation needed to address the embedding of accessibility within the organisation instead of relying on a couple of individuals.

## 6. Accessible Wellington Action Plan reporting

Discussion:

- Jenny Rains outlined the recent changes to her team. It is now called Community Services.
- The team now has a focus on place and portfolios.
- It also includes Safety so they will be looking at CPTED (Crime prevention through environmental design) which will link to the AAG.
- She introduced Donna Wilson who is the new team leader, Neighbourhood and Community Networks.
- Community Services is recruiting for an Advisor City Partnerships, Accessibility. This is a fixed term, part-time position that will be strictly focussed on implementing the Action plan. The person will be facilitating activity within the Council and not being the expert – with the intention of embedding in the organisation.
- Current measure is that 80 percent of the list of things that were included in the Accessible Wellington Action Plan are progressed and/or completed. This is included in the Long Term Plan. The reporting of this will be in the Annual Report.
- There is a good result so far but some projects are struggling and other work has happened that wasn't included in the list.
- Need to work what business units will deliver for the next year.
- The new position/person could work out a more regular reporting system to the AAG.
- Jenny has met with the Executive Leadership Team and with managers to ensure buy in at a senior level. Business units are also doing a survey.

Discussion:

- Issue around small jobs such as replacing kerb cuts in infrastructure. A mistake in design etc could result in many being installed wrong but such as small job may not come to the attention of the AAG or be included in the Action Plan reportback.

Action:

- **All** are to distribute the Advisor City Partnerships, Accessibility vacancy around their networks.
- **All** are to pass on any feedback that they hear from anyone experiencing difficulty using the online application process.
- **Jenny** is to send Lisa the organisational chart for her unit that shows the changes.
- **Jenny and Jason** to meet to discuss issues around small jobs to see how they can be managed.

## 4. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes

Minutes of last meeting 30 April 2013 approved.

Lachlan/Rosemary

## 7. AAG Sub-groups reportback

### Governance

People are to review the feedback form Alan sent out and **Alan** will organise a follow meeting on the Forum.

### Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation

- Homelessness submission completed.
- Reminder regarding the need for submission training. **Lisa** has this underway and will confirm the date soon
- Attended Arts Access Aotearoa AGM with Jason Strawbridge. Kendall Akhurst was also present as a member of the board of Arts Access Aotearoa.

### Accessible Environment and Transport

- Has made contact with the company that is working on the Cable car café upgrade but have had no response. Will follow up.
- Anna Harley from Urban Design has briefed Jason on the Lower Cuba st upgrade. There was no consent process for Lower Cuba st. The current design guide (approved by the old Disability Reference Group) allows for rain gardens up to 150 mm in depth. However, tree pits can only be up to 50mm. Currently there is a mix of rain gardens and tree pits and a range of different levels (some are not compliant). More planting will be put in place to fill up the gardens. There are also problems with how they are draining but that will be expensive to fix.
- Shared Space report on Cuba st now available. AAG needs to be involved in the redesign process.

### Action:

- **Lisa** to send out report to AAG
- **Lisa** to find out the process for Cuba st redesign

## 8. Other business

### 1. Hydrotherapy Pool (Rosemary)

Rosemary has been contacted regarding issues with the hydrotherapy pool and problems with the depth. The floor depth means the water level is too high for short people and those in wheelchairs, etc.

### Action:

**Lisa** to send concerns on to Paul Andrews

### 2. Women and employment (Rosemary)

Census information starting to come through. AAG need to keep an eye on the census information regarding the numbers of people with impairments that are not in work.

### Action:

**Lisa** to contact the research team to ask them to supply data when its is available later in eth year.

### 3. Taxis taking up parking spaces (Rosemary)

Re 'The Wellington' 23/5/13 opinion piece on taxis on pg 10. Frustrated regular motorists unable to find available metered parks because of taxis parking in them. Regular motorists then resort to parking in disabled parks and get fined \$40. However, the situation may improve with introduced restrictions on taxis using pay and display.

4. Miscellaneous (Lisa)

- Capital Spaces Policy is out for consultation. AAG to look at accessibility in the policy
  
- Now included in the meeting pack
  - The Transport Policy Manager's written update to the Environmental Reference Group regarding transport issues. Also of interest to the AAG
  - Excerpts from the minutes of the Technical Advisory Group for Wellington Waterfront Ltd regarding accessibility.

**9. Recruitment**

Recruitment to the group was discussed

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## **Action Points from 30 April 2013**

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- **Jenny and Jason** to meet to discuss issues reporting and how they can be managed.
- People are to review the feedback form and **Alan** will organise a follow up meeting on the Forum.
- Reminder regarding the need for submission training. **Lisa** has this underway and will confirm the date soon.
- **Lisa** to send out the Cuba St report to AAG.
- **Lisa** to find out the process for Cuba st redesign.
- **Lisa** to send concerns regarding the hydrotherapy pool to Paul Andrews.
- **Lisa** to contact the research team to ask them to supply census data when it is available later in the year.
- Capital Spaces submission?

## **SUB-GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP**

**Accessible Environment and transport** (including urban design, open spaces)

**Jason**, Kendall, Julia, Rosemary, Lachlan, Angela

**Economic development and governance**

**Alan**, Julia, Lachlan, Kendall

**Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation**

**Angela**, Linda, Kendall, Rosemary, Julia, Shannon