

Accessibility Advisory Group

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 25 January 2022

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Purpose

- 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.
- It is recognised that members come from and remain connected to their communities. It is from this foundation members share their expertise and lived experience in this advisory role and engage with their communities and others as part of the wider council consultation processes.

Attendance

Chairpersons:	Rachel Noble, Nick Ruane
Members:	Humphrey Hanley, Erikka Helliwell, Rosie McLeod, Stuart Mills, Olivia Murphy, Solmaz Nazari Orakani, Rachel Noble (Co-chair), Alan Royal, Nick Ruane (Co-chair), Susan Williams
Liaison Councillors:	Cr Rebecca Matthews
WCC Staff:	Melissa Wells (Senior Accessibility Advisor), Damian Storey (Democracy Advisor), Johnnie Freeland (Manager Māori Strategy), Ana Nicholls (Senior Advisor Iwi Partnerships)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 5:30pm

1. No apologies were received.

No issues were raised with the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Items

3. **Draft 10 Year Māori Strategy 2021-2031**, *Presented by Johnny Freeland and Ana Nicholls.*

This presentation outlined the Draft 10 Year Māori Strategy 2021-31, and presenters sought comment and feedback from the group. The presentation was well-received and generated thorough discussion, with constructive suggestions for Officers to consider.

Discussion topics included:

- Opportunities to work together and align strategic direction to achieve shared outcome (on both this strategy and through Pōneke Promise (City Safety) and Te Mahana (Homelessness Strategy))
- Huhana Hickey's Whānau Hauā Report and the WAI 2575 – the Health Services and Outcomes Inquiry
- Contacting and speaking with our Māori Disability Community, which includes Kāpō Māori Aotearoa and their Youth Board, Māori Disability Support Services and the DHB (Hutt Valley and Kapiti Coast) where there are two Māori Disability advisors
- Accessibility in the Te Reo Māori app

Members thanked Officers for the presentation, and Officers would provide group members with copies of the presentation slides.

4. **Accessibility Action Plan**, *Presented by Melissa Wells.*

Melissa discussed pre-engagement for the Accessibility Action Plan, and sought input into the questions to be asked. Melissa noted that the survey would gauge the public's perception of the status of WCC accessibility (e.g., lighting, mobility parking, council-owned housing), and also asking for any desired specific key actions over the next 5 years.

Timeline for Action Plan: pre-engagement to take place between February and April, which would involve consulting with other advisory groups, different WCC business units, and the general public (with the survey live for approximately a month). In April, there will be an update on how pre-engagement went and resulting actions.

The consultation is aimed to be ready for June.

Members asked questions and gave input on the pre-engagement plan. This included:

- The survey would be undertaken by various channels with electronic and email feedback formats.

- Ensuring election information and events are available in an accessible way.

5. Councillor Matthews shared the following update with the group:

- It would be a busy year – being an election year, there is a shortened time for the work programme.
- Updates on the library are expected to be received.

6. AAG Members only time.

The meeting concluded at 7:12pm.

Information

Next meeting date: 22/02/2022

Actions from this meeting:

- Kym Fell (Chief Customer & Community Officer) is going to be briefed on the signing of the Charter – Melissa
- Members kindly reminded to introduce themselves with their names during meetings before speaking