

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera ō Poneke

MINUTES

DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP

*COMMITTEE ROOM 2
101 WAKEFIELD STREET*

FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2007

5.30PM – 7.30PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Joint Chairs welcomed the group.

2 APOLOGIES

Jenny Rains
Adele Gibson

3 PRESENT

MEMBERS

Kendall Akhurst (Co-Chair)
Thomas Bryan (Co-Chair)
Ollie Goulden
Ross Livingstone
Nick Luger
Rosie Macleod
Kaeti Riggardsford
Jules Taniwha
Sandy Waddell
Lisette Wesseling

GUESTS

Allan Prangnell
Paul Desborough

4 INTRODUCTION FROM ALLAN PRANGNELL, MANAGER, COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS

The Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) business unit looks after Council's interests in subsidiaries and trusts such as the Wellington Waterfront Limited. Core functions of this unit are:

- Managing and supporting the relationships with CCOs and Council
- A formal monitoring role reporting quarterly on expenditure and outcomes

A CCO is when Council owns 51% or more of the organisation and can include organisations where two or more Councils are involved. Currently there are 10 CCO's which are listed in the table (**Appendix one**). Council Organisations (CO) are those when the Council has less than 50% control (i.e. Karori

Wildlife Centre, Carter Observatory, and Hannah Playhouse). For these organisations Council's influence is through partial funding.

Current new projects include:

Upgrade of the Karori Wildlife Visitor Centre, Development of the Marine Education Centre, New Zealand Centre for Photography; extension to the City Gallery; Wellington upgrade and refurbishment and refreshing services at the Carter Observatory. Wellington Waterfront has a number of projects underway.

It was noted that currently the DRG is discussing projects with Wellington Waterfront the Zoo trust and City Gallery.

Action: It was agreed that positions on the board will be advertised widely and the DRG notified.

5 INTRODUCTION FROM PAUL DESBOROUGH, MANAGER, STRATEGY UNIT

The focus of the Strategy Business Unit is to refine and develop strategic direction at the operational level. The Unit manages the process of delivering a Long Term Council Plan (LTCCP-10 year plan), There are 7 strategic areas within Council and are identified both in the LTCCP and the Annual Plan. Council's long-term outcome for each strategic area is described in the attached document.

Other projects the Strategy Unit is working on include:

- Looking at broadband
- How we attract new migrants to the City
- Major transport options, i.e. the central city corridor
- Future development of the city in all areas such as
 - How the city grows; where people can walk; infill development, i.e. building apartments and policy issues.
 - Identifying transport issues: How the City could develop transport that emphasises pedestrians.

Comments:

The group noted that there are a number of public transport issues with regard to disabilities. There is not enough information on public transport and there are still a lot of accessibility issues also the Regional Council is a concern for the DRG in completing this work.

The group noted that it was good to hear about the plans for the City but what about the suburbs as the landscape and living environment are changing with infill development. Paul Desborough noted that the management of infill development was a high priority for the City regarding the side effects as to how this is managed. He said there is more control over infill development in the suburbs as there are historical issues and they are conscious of the rights of people.

Action: Paul will provide a list of strategies and key outcomes for each

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the DRG meeting on Tuesday 6th March 2007 were discussed. The Planning and Research Unit (Mehaka Rowntree) will be moved to the May Agenda. A report went to Andrew Howie today regarding full access down to water level, handrails and ramps.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

- It was agreed that Tania Reti of Choice Holidays will attend the April meeting. She wishes to discuss what holidays can be offered to people housebound with disabilities.
- It was agreed the DRG will set up a subgroup of four people to discuss options for making public transport more accessible.
- The plans for the Cobham Drive beautification were tabled. It was noted that there are compacted gravel areas which would be better if concreted. Ross is to give feedback from DRG but this project is already underway. Need to talk to Jenny Rains about what complies and what does not.
- The issue of parking fees while attending DRG meetings was noted. Democratic Services have agreed to pay parking fees of up to \$8 for each meeting attended. Look at possibility of Smart park parking for DRG members.
- A problem with the lift doors at the Railway Station, Platform D was noted. The automatic doors do not open properly. This is a health and safety issue for Council to look at. Jenny Rains is to look at this matter.

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday 10 April 5.30pm

APPENDIX ONE

Council Controlled Organizations

What we do

Council Controlled Organisations (CCO) has responsibility for the relationships with, and funding and performance monitoring of, the Council's subsidiary entities. The role includes assessing the service performance of the entities, in terms of their contribution towards the Council's outcomes; and ensuring that the Council's investment is protected (and enhanced).

The directorate categorises these subsidiaries as:

- CCOs - entities where the Council has a majority stake (voting interest)
- COs - entities where the Council has a minority stake
- Other - entities where the Council has a relationship, usually including a significant financial interest; but no voting interest or right.

The unit has responsibility for:

- 10 council controlled organisations (CCOs)
- 20 council organisations (COs)
- 10 - 16 other entities/groups and projects.

The following table provides a brief explanation of the main organisations, and what they do:

Type	Entity	What they are established to do	Key Contact
CCO	Basin Reserve Trust	Manage and operate the Basin Reserve.	Warren Ulusele, Portfolio Manager
CCO	Positively Wellington Business	Contribute to economic development in the region, through business initiatives. Partners are Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua councils.	Sarah Polaschek, Portfolio Manager
CCO	Positively Wellington Tourism	Markets Wellington as a tourism destination, both nationally and internationally.	Sarah Polaschek, Portfolio Manager
CCO	Wellington Museums Trust	Manage the Museum of Wellington City and Sea, City Gallery, Wellington Cable Car Museum, Colonial Cottage Museum and the Wellington Cricket Museum.	Sarah Polaschek, Portfolio Manager
CCO	Wellington Zoo Trust	Manage and operate the Zoo.	Ian Clements, Portfolio Manager
CCTO	St James Theatre Trust	Own, maintain and operate the St	Sarah Polaschek,

		James and Opera House theatres.	Portfolio Manager
CCTO	Wellington Cable Car Limited	Own, manage and maintain the Cable Car and the trolley bus overhead network.	Warren Ulusele, Portfolio Manager
CCTO	Capacity	Manage the water, wastewater and storm water assets of the shareholding councils. Hutt City Council is the other shareholder.	Warren Ulusele, Portfolio Manager
CCTO	Wellington Waterfront Limited	Owns the waterfront land as bare trustee, and responsible for managing the Council's development project for this land.	Ian Clements, Portfolio Manager
Other	Wellington Regional Stadium Trust	Own, maintain and operate the Stadium. Greater Wellington Regional Council is our partner in this trust, which has its own empowering act, and is thus not defined as a CCO.	Warren Ulusele, Portfolio Manager
CO	Wellington International Airport Limited	Own, manage and operate Wellington airport.	Ian Clements, Portfolio Manager
CO	Karori Wildlife Sanctuary Trust	A 500 year plan to create a mainland island, which restores the native bush and wildlife to pre-settlement state.	Kate Neilson, Project Manager & Sarah Polashek, Portfolio Manager
CO	Carter Observatory Trust	Carter Observatory has a Planetarium, visitor gift shop, lecture theatre, many static displays, plus a range of telescopes, all available to the public. To be redeveloped in 2007	Geoff Lawson, Portfolio Manager Sarah Polashek, Portfolio Manager

APPENDIX TWO

Council's Strategic Direction

The Council's strategic architecture has an overall vision of Creative Wellington - innovation Capital: to create global competitive advantage.

Supporting that are 13 outcomes that describe the type of city that Council wants to achieve over the next ten years.

The detail of what these outcomes mean, and what we plan to achieve, is contained in seven strategies below:

- Urban Development
- Transport
- Economic Development
- Environmental
- Social and Recreation
- Cultural Well-Being
- Governance

A key input to these strategies has been the development of a set of community outcomes that express a wider vision for the city that many agencies, including the Council, will contribute to. The reasons for adopting this new structure are to make the Council's strategic direction-setting more:

Coherent - at the moment Council has many strategies and policies, at various levels and reviewed at various times therefore this structure is much simpler and more understandable

Directional - having a clear sense of what we want to achieve, and particularly priorities that indicate where change will occur

Linked to other planning - especially the 2006-2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) where resource allocation decisions are made. The process provides a direct linkage to the LTCCP and will allow a 3-year cycle of review. Council strategies are intended to assist Councillors and staff in their decisions making processes, to ensure that all Council policies, projects, investments and activities contribute to making the city a better place to live, work and play. The strategies contain a set of 23 priorities which are areas for special focus over the first three years of the new LTCCP.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Community Outcomes

- Wellington will protect its heritage buildings and ensure that new developments are sympathetic to them.
- Urban development will support Wellington's uniqueness as a compact harbour city.
- Wellington's thriving suburban and rural centres offer enhanced services and lifestyle choices.
- Wellingtonians will feel safe in all parts of the city.

- Wellington's urban development and buildings will be energy-efficient. Wellington will be pedestrian and cyclist friendly.
- Wellington's transport system will be designed to meet the needs of its people efficiently and sustainably.
- Wellington's traffic will flow smoothly through and around the city and its suburbs.

Council's Long-Term Outcomes

1.1. A more liveable

Wellington will be a great place to be, offering a variety of places to live, work and play within a high quality public environment.

1.1.B More Sustainable

Wellington's urban form will support an efficient and sustainable use of our rural and natural resources and promote prosperity and social wellbeing over the long term.

Better Connected

Wellington will be easy to get around, pedestrian-friendly and offer quality transport choices on a highly interconnected public transport and street system.

1.2 More Prosperous

Wellington's urban form, and flexible approach to land use planning in the central city, centres and industrial areas, will contribute to economic growth and prosperity.

1.3 More Compact

Wellington will have a contained urban form, with intensification in appropriate areas and mixed land-use, structured around a vibrant central city, key suburban centres and major transport corridors.

1.4 Safer

Wellington will have access to safe and reliable energy and water supplies, clean air, and waste disposal systems that protect public health and ecosystems.

1.5 Support a Stronger Sense of Place

Wellington will be a memorable, beautiful city, celebrating and building on its sense-of- place, capital city status, distinctive landform and landmarks, defining features, heritage and high quality buildings and spaces.

Council's Priorities

- The Council will improve the way infill development in residential areas is managed
- The Council will work to improve the quality of urban design
- The Council will set in place the 50 year growth plan

TRANSPORT

Community Outcomes

- Wellington's transport system will be designed to meet the needs of its people efficiently and sustainably.
- Wellington's public transport system will be accessible and affordable for all.
- Wellington will be pedestrian and cyclist friendly.
- Wellington's traffic will flow smoothly through and around the city and its suburbs.
- Links by land, air and sea will meet the needs of its people and enterprises
- Wellington will have clear directional signage.

Council's Long-Term Outcomes

2.1 More Liveable

Wellington will be a great place to be, offering a variety of places to live, work and play within a high quality public environment.

2.2 More Prosperous

Wellington will have a coherent and efficient transport system that aids economic development.

2.3 More Sustainable

Wellington will minimise the environmental effects of transport and support the environment strategy.

2.4. A Better Connected

Wellington will have a highly interconnected public transport, road and street system that supports its urban development and social strategies.

2.4. B Healthier

Wellington's transport will contribute to healthy communities and social interaction.

2.5 Safer

Wellington will seek to improve the safety and security of its citizens as they move around the city and region.

Council's Priorities

- The Council will improve the performance for the city's transport system through Travel Demand Management.
- The Council will advocate for and facilitate investment in the city's state highway network.
- The Council will improve the performance of the city's passenger transport system through bus priority measures.
- The Council will work to resolve the conflict between access to the port and the central area and beyond.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Outcomes

- Wellington will have an increasing diversity of vibrant, internationally competitive businesses and industries of all sizes, and sustainable employment opportunities.
- Wellington will become a centre of excellence for education and training, and the promotion of entrepreneurship.
- Wellington will be a prime tourist and conference destination, with diverse and changing attractions that fit and highlight Wellington's best features.
- Wellington's thriving suburban and rural centres will offer enhanced services and lifestyle choices. Wellington will have venues that suit a range of events and reflect the needs of the city.

Community Outcomes Council's Long-Term Outcome

3.1 Stronger Sense of Place

Wellington will be a prime tourist and conference destination, with diverse and changing attractions that fit and highlight Wellington's best features.

3.2 More Compact

Wellington's central city will be the premier and most rapidly growing specialty retail, entertainment, service and knowledge centre for the region and Wellington's thriving suburban and rural areas will offer enhanced services and lifestyle choices.

3.3 More Eventful

Wellington will maximise the economic value from promoting and hosting high-profile events.

3.4 Better Connected

Wellington will be connected locally, nationally, and globally by offering world-class accessibility and linkages. That includes having high capacity broadband communication networks, top quality seaports and airports, and transport networks.

3.5 More Prosperous

Wellington will have a strong and growing economy including a high quality, innovative and diverse public sector. Wellington will offer a wide range of sustainable employment and business opportunities.

3.6 More Competitive

Wellington will attract and retain an increasing diversity of vibrant, internationally competitive people, targeted investment, and businesses and industries of all sizes.

3.7 More entrepreneurial and innovative

Wellington will have high levels of innovation underpinned by strong education and training, research, entrepreneurship and investment.

Council's Priorities

- The Council will contribute significantly to the completion and successful implementation of the Wellington Regional Strategy.

- The Council will strengthen and further develop the city's status as a centre of creativity and innovation

ENVIRONMENT

Community Outcomes

- Wellington will protect and showcase its natural landforms and indigenous ecosystems
- Pest animals and plants will be eliminated as methods become available, and no new pests will become established.
- Wellington's long-term environmental health will be protected by well-planned and well-maintained infrastructure.
- Wellingtonians' use of non-renewable energy resources will decrease.
- Wellington will move towards a zero waste policy.
- Wellington will preserve and improve its parks, trees and open spaces. Wellington's urban development and buildings will be energy-efficient.
- Wellingtonians will protect and have access to public green open spaces and the coast.
- Wellington will promote the sustainable management of the environment, and support increased opportunities for the exercise of kaitiakitanga or environmental guardianship.

Council's Long-Term Outcomes

4.1 More liveable

Wellington's natural environment will be accessible to all, for a wide range of social and recreational opportunities that do not compromise environmental values.

4.2 Stronger sense of place

Wellington will recognise and protect significant features of its coastal and terrestrial landscape and natural heritage.

4.3 More actively engaged

Wellington will pursue a collaborative, participatory approach towards environmental kaitiakitanga (guardianship), by sharing information within the community and establishing partnerships to achieve environmental goals.

4.4 Better connected

Wellington will have a network of green spaces and corridors linking the coastline, Town Belt and Outer Green Belt.

4.5 More sustainable

Wellington will reduce its environmental impact by making efficient use of energy, water, land and other resources; shifting towards renewable energy resources; conserving resources; and minimising waste. Wellington's natural environment will be accessible to all, for a wide range of social and recreational opportunities that do not compromise environmental values.

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Council's Priorities

- The Council will increase its promotion of water and energy efficiency and conservation, energy security and the use of renewable energy sources. And it will take a more active leadership role in these.
- The Council will increase its efforts to improve protection of streams
- The Council will develop a coherent plan to address biodiversity issues, including removing and replacing hazardous trees
- The Council will strengthen its partnerships with stakeholders to increase environmental awareness, community participation and the achievement of environmental

CULTURAL WELLBEING

Community Outcomes

- Tangata whenua and our multicultural diversity will be recognised and valued, and reflected in our city's culture.
- Wellingtonians will celebrate their unique cultural identity.
- Wellington will be recognised as New Zealand's arts and cultural capital, encouraging visual and performing arts.
- Wellington will have venues that suit a range of events and reflect the needs of the city.
- Wellington will be a dynamic and multicultural city that respects and celebrates cultural diversity.
- Wellington will host and promote international sporting events which make appropriate use of its natural environment and established facilities.

Council's Long-Term Outcomes

5.1 Stronger Sense of Place

Wellington will have a strong local identity that celebrates and protects its sense of place, capital-city status, distinctive landform and landmarks, defining features, history, heritage buildings, places and spaces.

5.2 More Eventful

Wellington will be recognised as the arts and culture capital, and known for its exciting entertainment scene and full calendar of events, festivals, exhibitions and concerts.

5.3 More Inclusive

Wellington will celebrate its bicultural heritage and growing ethnic, religious and social diversity, and be tolerant, welcoming and inclusive of people's differences to create a sense of belonging, shared understanding and identity.

5.4 More Actively Engaged

Wellington will encourage greater engagement and participation by offering an exceptional range of arts and cultural amenities that cater to all tastes as well as a high quality environment that fosters a vibrant city life.

Council's Priorities

- The Council will take an active role in protecting local sense of place.
- The Council will strengthen its partnerships with arts organisations, festival groups and institutions.
- The Council will engage more effectively with the community on the benefits and relevance of a diverse city.
- The Council engagement with grass roots community and youth oriented arts and cultural activities (including music made

SOCIAL AND RECREATION

Community Outcomes

- A wide range of educational opportunities will be available for Wellingtonians of all ages.
- Wellington will have responsive social services and a strong volunteer sector.
- Wellingtonians will enjoy recreation and be amongst the most active in New Zealand.
- Social services, especially public health and housing, will be affordable, available and accessible to all Wellingtonians.
- Wellington City and its amenities will be accessible to all Wellingtonians.
- Opportunities for active and passive recreation are diverse, safe, affordable, accessible and attractive.
- Wellington's communities will have ready access to multi-use indoor and outdoor facilities and spaces.
- Wellington will feel safe in all parts of the city.
- Wellingtonians will be well prepared and coordinated to deal with any civil emergency and its aftermath.
- Wellingtonians will be healthy and experience a high quality of life.

Council's Long-Term Outcomes

6.1 More Liveable

Wellington will be a great place to live, work and play, offering a stimulating and high quality range of community amenities and services, including affordable housing.

6.2 More Inclusive

Wellington's diverse population will be supported and embraced by a tolerant, caring and welcoming community.

6.3 More Actively Engaged

Wellington residents will be actively engaged in their communities, and in recreation and leisure activities.

6.4 Better Connected

Wellington will offer excellent access to a sound social infrastructure that supports high levels of social cohesion.

6.5 Healthier

Wellington's population will enjoy a healthy lifestyle and high standards of public health.

6.6 Safer

Wellington will offer a safe living environment, where people safe.

Council's Priorities

- The Council will work harder to increase the value of community facilities to their communities.
- The council will build capability and capacity within the community to promote social cohesion and sound social infrastructure.
- The Council will increase its efforts to promote participation in sport and recreation particularly for youth.