

22. **DISABILITY ADVOCATE**

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The purpose of this report is to request the Board to support the employment by the Council of a Disability Advocate for Christchurch City.

The Chairperson has requested that the Board give consideration to the need for Council to employ a person to act on behalf of people with disabilities. Such an appointee could identify the issues for this group and advocate on their behalf to ensure that in planning, programming, funding and all aspects, the concerns and needs of those with disabilities are provided.

Recommendation: That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board ask the Council to employ a Disability Advocate to ensure the needs of persons with disabilities are identified and met within Christchurch City.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officers recommendation be adopted.