

## 22. ACCESS AND EQUITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

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The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Community Board regarding the draft Policy on Equity and Access for People with Disabilities (as attached).

In May 2000 the Christchurch City Council endorsed a proposal to develop a disability policy. Since then a number of meetings and focus groups were conducted with people from the disability community, Council staff, elected members and Community Boards. Based on the feedback from this consultation a draft Policy has been developed.

We are now seeking feedback from the Community Board regarding the draft policy, for example:

- Does the policy identify the correct focus?
- Has the policy identified the correct roles of the Council?
- Are the principles the right basis for the policy?
- Are there any changes or additions you would like to the goals and objectives?
- What actions should be included in the strategy?

A response guide and a background report have been circulated to Board members separately.

**Recommendation:** That the Board provide feedback on the draft Policy on Equity and Access for People with Disabilities by 20 February 2001.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That a Disability Policy Working Party be set up, to which all Board members are invited, to meet on Friday 16 February 2001 at 9.00 am and prepare a response on the draft Policy for consideration at the Board's meeting on 26 February 2001.