

17. ACCESS AND EQUITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

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

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 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?

The draft policy includes a response guide and a background report.

Recommendation: That the Board provide feedback on the draft policy.

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Recommendation: That, in view of the closing date for submissions being 20 February, the Community Services Committee be granted power to act to provide a submission on the Board's behalf.