

17. 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 to be included in the strategy?

We have attached a copy of the draft policy, a response guide and a background report, for your information.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Community Board provide feedback on the draft policy.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that further consultation takes place with local disability groups.