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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 7 February 2019 at 12noon in Civic Room 2

Present:

Cr K Majdlik, City of Melton
Cr L Carli, City of Melton
M Homann, Service Provider Representative
L Jenner, Community Representative
L Chitts, Community Representative
L Campbell, Community Representative
L Vasilopoulos, Community Representative
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation, City of Melton
C Cramer, Manager Community Care, City of Melton
W Penna, MetroAccess Officer, City of Melton
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic, City of Melton
M Sidhu, Senior Manager LAC, Brotherhood of St Laurence NDIS
M Boyd, Senior Manager ECEI, Brotherhood of St Laurence NDIS
M Rowe, Social Planning Officer, City of Melton

Chairperson: Cr K Majdlik, City of Melton

1. Apologies

K Tori Chief Executive Officer, City of Melton

2. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

That the Committee adopts the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting held 6 December 2018

M Heaney / W Penna

4. Brotherhood of St Laurence National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) presentation

M Sidhu and M Boyd provided an overview of the role of the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) and the progress of the NDIS roll out across Brimbank Melton Area. The BSL is contracted to provide Local Area Coordination (LAC) and Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) services for the key purpose of:

- Linking people to the NDIS
- Linking people to information and support in the community
- Working with the local community to make sure it is more welcoming and inclusive of people with disability

M Sidhu indicated that the NDIS roll out in Melton is progressing successfully with requests for individual assistance for transition to the NDIS is increasing as anticipated.

5. Disability Demographics Presentation

M Rowe provided an overview of available disability statistical data and its interpretation. Information presented included:

- Definitions of disability
- Disability statistical data and where to find it
- Intersectionality factors between disability and ageing
- Satisfaction with Council services and inclusive approaches
- Where to find further information

M Rowe presented data from a range of sources demonstrating the complexities of obtaining and interpreting disability data.

Action:

C Cramer to invite M Rowe to present findings from the 2019 Metropolis Survey at the DAC meeting scheduled for 1 August 2019.

6. Business Arising**6.1 Brotherhood of St Laurence presentation**

Brotherhood of St Laurence attended the February 2019 meeting and provided an overview of the NDIS transition progress across the municipality. Action completed

6.2 Disability demographics presentation

M Rowe presented provided a presentation at the February 2019 meeting of the DAC. Action completed

7. General Business**7.1 Metro Access Update****7.1.1 Access Keys**

W Penna provided an overview of 'Access Keys' which is customised accessibility guides that assist people with disabilities by providing a vertical experience prior to visiting a venue or an event. Access Keys include details about a venue's layout, parking, customer service, amenities, entry and exit points as well as safety and accessibility features. Access Keys feature contextualised images with visitor experiences. Access Keys are provided in pdf format which is downloadable from designated websites and are mobile phone responsive. W Penna will further investigate the feasibility of developing Access Keys for key locations across the municipality.

7.1.2 Understanding Disability - Booklet

W Penna provided an overview of a new booklet under development. The booklet aims to increase community awareness of the various support needs required by people with different disabilities in an inclusive and respectful way. The booklet will provide basic, helpful hints and etiquettes to support a range of people delivering community based activities who may be unfamiliar with working alongside people with disabilities. L Jenner and L Campbell offered additional support to develop the booklet.

Action:

W Penna to liaise with L Jenner and L Campbell regarding the development of the new booklet and report progress back to DAC meeting scheduled for 4 April 2019.



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7.2 Ongoing Support for Melton Service Provider Network

M Homann sought clarification regarding Council's ongoing support for the Melton Service Provider Network. C Crameri clarified that Council will continue supporting the network.

7.3 Council's Future delivery of Disability Support Services

M Homann outlined his observations regarding impacts of the competitive nature of the disability sector as it transitions to the NDIS, in particular the impact it may have on people with complex disabilities. M Homann encouraged Council to be proactive in its planning and advocacy as service delivery gaps are identified.

C Crameri clarified that Council delivers Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and Home and Community Care programs for young people (HACC PYP) which are both entry level services for people over 65 and people under 65 who have a disability. Both programs are delivered in line with Funding and Service agreements until 2020 as per the Commonwealth Aged Care and NDIS reforms. Council is awaiting State and Federal Governments direction regarding future delivery of CHSP and HACC PYP services.

K Majdlik suggested that writing to Melton Councillors regarding Councils future delivery of disability support services is an option available to all residents.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 4 April 2019 commencing at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 2.13pm.