

Appendix 1: Disability Advisory Group - Work Programme (January 2026 – December 2027)

The work programme outlines the key priorities of the Disability Advisory Group (DAG) over the next two years. This outlines how the DAG will partner with Council, our communities, and each other to advance accessibility and inclusion across the Kāpiti Coast. The DAG will provide a minimum of one update (verbal) per year to Council summarising their current focus and ongoing progress within the Work Programme.

What are Work Programme Priorities?

A work programme priority is a key area of focus where the DAG will direct its attention, expertise, and influence, over the next two years. Priorities help guide how the DAG will work with Council and community partners. They show where the DAG will focus its advice and advocacy, where it expects to collaborate with Council staff, and where it will monitor progress or identify opportunities for improvement. They also help structure the DAG's agenda by signalling which topics the group will regularly return to, seek updates on, and support through recommendations.

Our priorities reflect what matters most to disabled people: having a voice in shaping local policy, accessing information that meets diverse communication needs, feeling safe and welcome in our community, and being able to use public facilities and spaces with confidence.

Work Programme Priorities for 2026 – 2027

Over the next two years, the Disability Advisory Group has four priorities:

- Priority One: Collaborating with Council to shape the Accessibility Approach
- Priority Two: Empowering Communities with Accessible Information
- Priority Three: Fostering a secure and welcoming community
- Priority Four: Improving and developing council facilities and outdoor spaces to be more accessible.

Priority One: Collaborating with Council to shape the Accessibility Approach

Why this is a priority for the Disability Advisory Group

The Accessibility approach directly affects the wellbeing and quality of participation of disabled people living in the district.

Outcomes we are seeking

The Accessibility Approach is co-designed with us and reflects the voices, needs and desires of the disabled community.

Actions we will take

- Work with our community to give them a voice to contribute to the development of an Accessibility Approach
- Work alongside Council to progress the design of the Accessibility Approach.

Priority Two: Empowering Communities with Accessible Information

Why this is a priority for the Disability Advisory Group

Council plays a key role providing good information to all people in the community.

Outcomes we are seeking

Improved accessible information specific for different communication needs in our communities.

Actions we will take

- Advocate for improved options to access information, ways information is shared and including spaces/locations where information is available.
- Advise Council on accessibility guidelines so that key information/changes and opportunities are easy to access and understand.

Priority Three: Fostering a Secure and Welcoming Community

Why this is a priority for the Disability Advisory Group

Living in a well designed, friendly, and secure district reduces the risk of social isolation and accidents, and supports disabled people to feel connected and confident participating in daily life. Feeling safe and welcome in all public places is essential to ensuring our community is inclusive for everyone.

Outcomes we are seeking

Disabled people feel safe, welcome and can participate easily in the community.

Actions we will take

- Explore places and spaces across Kāpiti to identify barriers and opportunities relating to safety, accessibility, and community connection.
- Work with the council with clear recommendations around improvements.

Priority Four: Improving Council Facilities and Outdoor Spaces to be more accessible

Why this is a priority for the Disability Advisory Group

Council facilities and outdoor spaces such as libraries, parks, beaches, and transport hubs play a major role in daily life. When these spaces are accessible, they enable disabled people to move around independently, participate in community activities, and enjoy recreational opportunities. Improving accessibility in facilities and public spaces ensures our district is designed with everyone in mind.

Outcomes we are seeking

Council facilities and outdoor spaces across the district are designed, upgraded, and maintained in ways that improve accessibility for disabled people.

Actions we will take

- Work with Council staff to identify priority accessibility improvements across facilities and outdoor spaces, and highlight challenges experienced by disabled people.