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## Disability Reference Group Meeting 9 October 2008

### 1. Purpose

To report to the Transport and Access Committee the proceedings of the meeting of Greater Wellington's Disability Reference Group (GWDRG) held on 9 October 2008.

### 2. Attendance

- Cr Peter Glensor, Chair, Transport and Access Committee
- Thomas Bryan, representing the Wellington City Council Disability Reference Group
- Grace Moulton, representing the Kapiti Disability Reference Group
- Julian Paton, representing the Hutt Valley Disability Advisory Group
- Leigh Vincent, representing FOCUS (Wairarapa)
- Bill Wrightson, representing the Porirua Health and Disability Forum.

### 3. Comment

The inaugural meeting for the GWDRG was held on 9 October 2008 in the Council Chambers.

Group members were welcomed and introduced to one another, as well as to officers from Greater Wellington.

It was decided that the group would defer electing a chair until the next meeting, so that a dynamic could be established and that members would get a better feel for who should chair. Cr Glensor took the role of acting chair for the first meeting.

After the group adopted its terms of reference, Anke Kole, Public Transport Disability Liaison Officer, gave a briefing on the Public Transport Accessibility Work Programme. The group discussed the draft document requested that Anke outline the various times when consultation with the GWDRG would be required.

Rhona Hewitt, Manager Transport Procurement, and the Matangi project team gave a presentation on the new EMUs, outlining the stage the project was at, what work had been completed and what was planned. The project team also took the opportunity to show plans of the new carriages to the group, with particular regard to the accessibility features. It was proposed that the group would be taken to inspect the mock-ups of these carriages when they arrive later this year.

#### **4. Communication**

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***

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