

Multicultural Subcommittee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 8 April 2019
Time: 10.33am
Venue: Committee Room 2, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson Councillor Jimmy Chen
Members Councillor Glenn Livingstone

In Attendance Councillor Phil Clearwater

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

Councillor Chen warmly welcomed members to the Multicultural Subcommittee meeting and took the opportunity to acknowledge the 15 March 2019 Christchurch terror attack. He invited Claire Phillips to update the Subcommittee on pertinent matters from this event that related to the multicultural community.

Claire Phillips outlined the whole of Government approach being undertaken to provide support services to those affected by the terror attack, and the wider community, following the closure of the welfare centre. The 0800 number for concerned community members to contact support services is 0800 779 997. A Case Management approach is being worked on for those most affected, and Claire noted that no person struggling will be left out of the process.

The Christchurch City Council will continue working with citizens and communities to help co-ordinate a community led response and Claire advised she was seconded into this role to work with others, particularly the Muslim community, to develop a community plan and work on the further implementation of the Multicultural Strategy.

Councillor Chen thanked Claire for the update and also thanked all the Council staff who have built on the existing relationships with our local communities and partner agencies to ensure a well co-ordinated response with the community at the heart of all we do, and for their absolute commitment to ensuring our communities jointly lead the recovery process.

We honour the Muslim Community Leadership Group for their dedication and thank all those that have provided cultural advice and ensured decision-making has had the community at its heart.

We affirm our commitment to Ōtautahi Christchurch being a city of peace and a city that honours human rights, by truly living up to being a city of inclusion that embraces diversity, as declared in the Christchurch Multicultural Strategy Te Raūtaki Mātāwaka Rau Our Future Together.

Note: From this update, Subcommittee members agreed to request staff to work with the Mayor's Office about providing a briefing to the Councillors on the work of the Muslim Leadership Group.

1. Apologies

Part C **Committee Resolved MCSC/2019/00003**

That the apology from Councillor Galloway be accepted.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Livingstone

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest

Part B

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Part C

Committee Resolved MCSC/2019/00004

That the minutes of the Multicultural Subcommittee meeting held on Friday, 1 February 2019 be confirmed.

Councillor Livingstone/Councillor Chen

Carried

4. Public Forum

Part B

There were no public forum presentations.

5. Deputations by Appointment

Part B

There were no deputations by appointment.

6. Updates from Mandated Groups

6.1 Due to the meeting being rescheduled, Mrs Jinky Knowler was unable to attend the meeting, and will be invited to a future meeting of the Subcommittee.

6.2 Nigerian Community Update

Due to the meeting being rescheduled, Sheun Fasheun of the Nigerian Canterbury Association was unable to attend the meeting, and will be invited to a future meeting of the Subcommittee.

7. Multicultural Report-8 April 2019

Committee Comment

1. Claire Phillips updated the Subcommittee on the following matters:
 - a. Civic Participation Forums – Due to the 15 March 2019 event in Christchurch, this Forum has been postponed and will be rescheduled in due course.
 - b. Refugee Quota Arrivals – There have been 22 refugees arrived on 1 March well supported by the Red Cross programme with another 20 refugees to arrive shortly.
 - c. Mandated groups – speaker schedule for 2019 – Claire advised that further work will be carried out on this schedule to align with the Multicultural Strategy.

- d. Council bi-lingual/multi-lingual signage – Work is being carried out by the Council’s Design team for welcoming signage at the Civic Office and ensuring the correct language is used. This matter will be reported to Subcommittee members when further information is available.
- e. Access and Inclusion Report – Work is being carried out and draft indicators prepared, on access and inclusion . Datasets that give information on diversity are being considered. The first Access and Inclusion Report will be a benchmark for the future.
- f. Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan – Discussion was held about holding a workshop on the Implementation Plan, and about whether this could include a possible review of the Subcommittee’s Terms of Reference and membership in response to the recent Christchurch terror attack. Considering the upcoming elections, it was discussed that it may be more appropriate to review the Terms of Reference and membership at the commencement of the new term.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2019/00005

Part C

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Receive the verbal update by staff summarised in section 3 of this report on Multicultural activities.
2. Request staff to arrange a briefing to the Social, Community Development and Housing Committee, other interested Councillors, and the Muslim Leadership Group, on the steps to further implement the Multicultural Strategy, post the Christchurch terror attack on 15 March 2019.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Livingstone

Carried

Meeting concluded at 11.35am.

CONFIRMED THIS 7TH DAY OF JUNE 2019

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON