

## **Disability Interest Group – Salisbury**

### **Aims:**

Kez Adey, Disability Adviser and Campaigner from Wheels of Freedom, aims to connect individuals and groups to better the lives of those with disabilities in and around Salisbury.

The Disability Interest Group formed in April 2022 and the first meeting involved residents who have a lived experience of disability or chronic illness or have caring responsibilities to help advocate and campaign for positive change.

### **Priorities:**

The group will set its own priorities for change to positively impact the lives of disabled people, and discussions included:

- i. **Accessibility** – Create a city of Salisbury that is accessible by all, for residents and visitors to the city, educating businesses and organisations to become more accessible
- ii. **Physical** – currently an environment that is not accessible, including uneven and narrow pavements, steps, kerbs, lack of wheelchair access and unsuitable crossings
- iii. **Communication** – communication barriers impact hearing, speaking, reading, writing or understanding
- iv. **Transportation** – access to convenient transportation, including buses and taxis
- v. **Sharing good practice** – an avenue to share the groups individual stories and examples of good practice in other areas

### **Local projects:**

Kez has worked alongside Wiltshire Council and Salisbury City Council on a number of local projects to ensure the voice of disabled people are listened to and implemented within the plans and to raise the profile of those with disabilities -

- i. Salisbury Underpasses working group
- ii. Future High Streets Salisbury initiative
- iii. Salisbury Riverpark project
- iv. Local ward audits across the city

The members of the Disability Interest Group are collaborating and information sharing, working alongside local organisations, to make their vision of Salisbury becoming an accessible city a reality.

### **Contact:**

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