

Older People's Advisory Group

Remit as at **February-September, 2014 4**

Purpose of Advisory Group

To consider the broad interests of older people including –

- (1) supporting older people's representation in community planning and processes and representation through Community Planning Aberdeen;
- (2) improving quality of life for older people;
- (3) improving services for older people;
- (4) providing an integrated approach to services;
- (5) tackling age discrimination; and
- (6) making a positive difference to older people's lives through the Older People's Vision Statement.

Method of Operation

The Advisory Group will –

- (1) monitor progress on delivering the Older People's Vision Statement;
- (2) perform a central role in consultation exercises including advising agencies which are planning consultation exercises to ensure older people are included in liaison (as appropriate) with Aberdeen Council for Voluntary Organisations (ACVO) which facilitates consultation with the voluntary sector;
- (3) co-ordinate an annual event to address issues impacting on older people;
- (4) raise the profile of older people in Aberdeen;
- (5) advise relevant bodies on issues relevant to older people;
- (6) widen the role of OPAG throughout the city and not just the Council; and
- (7) increase intergenerational practice to tackle age discrimination

Accountability

The minutes of the Advisory Group will be reported via the Information Bulletin to the **Finance, Corporate** Policy and **Resources Performance** Committee. Extracts from Advisory Group minute will be submitted to other City Council Committees as appropriate depending on the action requested.

Membership

- (1) Aberdeen City Council – The membership will be appointed by the **Corporate Finance, Policy and Performance-Resources** Committee (the parent committee) with appointees linking to each of the Council committees.
- (2) Partner and community organisations – one representative from each of the following, exception being (I m) with two members, with the representative(s) having responsibility for each services for or working with older people –
 - (a) Aberdeen City **Community Health and Social Care** Partnership (GHSCP);

- (b) Aberdeen Safer Community Trust;
- (c) Aberdeen Trades Council;
- (d) Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations (ACVO);
- (e) Age Scotland;
- (f) Alzheimer Scotland;
- (g) Carers Centre;
- (h) Cash In Your Pocket Partnership (CIYPP);
- (i) ~~Grampian~~ Police Scotland;
- (j) Grampian Senior Citizens Forum;
- (k) Aberdeen Care and Repair Project;
- (l) Older People's Consultation and Monitoring ~~and Consultation~~ Group;
- (m) Older People's Signp-Posters Project;
- (n) Department ~~of~~ for Work and Pensions (DWP);
- (o) Regeneration Matters;
- (p) Voluntary Service Aberdeen (VSA);
- (q) University of the Third Age (U 3rd Age);
- (r) Workers Education Association (WEA);
- (s) Footprints Connect;
- (t) Co-optees, for example, community groups working with/for older people – to be determined as and when required by the Chairperson, the City Council's Champion for Older People.

- (3) If any member of the Group should miss three meetings consecutively, it will be open to the Group to exclude that member on a permanent basis. This will not apply if the said member has arranged for a substitute to be present at the meetings.

Admin Support

Staff from the Equalities (Customer Service and Performance) and Legal and Democratic Services Sections of the Corporate Governance Service of the City Council will support the work of the Group.

For the purposes of the OPAG, older people refers to people aged 60 and above.