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**Report to**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

**Report of**

Councillor Mrs Lucas

**Title**

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Older Peoples Partnership

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**1 Purpose of the Report**

This report sets out details of the work of Coventry's Older Peoples Partnership over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

**2 Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) and Shadow Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) provide their support of the work of Coventry's Older People's Partnership through their continued appointment to the Older People's Partnership.
- 2.2 Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) and Shadow Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) attend Partnership meetings in person/through a substitute or receive a briefing on content and actions decided upon, where attendance is not possible.

**3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 The Older People Partnership consists of representatives from the City Council, Health, older people, informal/family carers and the voluntary sector. The Terms of Reference for the Partnership are attached. These have recently been reviewed following changes to the composition of the group and the structures to support it. Essentially, the group provides a mechanism for the City Council and Health to engage in a dialogue with Older People about the key issues facing the City Council and Health as well as the issues that are important to members of the partnership.
- 3.2 The Partnership provides a mechanism to engage and consult with stakeholders on issues of major significance as well as informing the progression of discrete pieces of work.
- 3.3 Key areas of work progressed through the Older People's Partnership during the last twelve months have included:
  - Support of Older People's Week 2012 which ran from 1 to 8 October 2012 with a theme of "The Big Skills Share" and offered a series of activities to older people in Coventry to encourage social activity and the learning of new skills.

- Involvement in the Keeping Coventry Warm project, which aims to improve quality of life throughout the winter months for Coventry's older population and other vulnerable groups, focussing on those that reside in deprived communities, the socially isolated or those with long term conditions and associated co-morbidities.
- Sharing views, and engaging in discussion, with colleagues from University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) on "Care in Hospital".
- Discussing the introduction of a new forum to enable older people's views to be heard - Coventry Older People's Voices forum.
- Participating in consultation processes e.g. Coventry's Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and City Council Day Opportunities.
- Sharing views and engaging in discussion about plans for a Dementia Strategy in Coventry.
- Attendance and active involvement in Coventry's Safeguarding Adults conference with a theme of "Dignity in Practice".

3.4 For 2013, the Older Peoples Partnership will contribute to:

- a programme of work being initiated by Coventry University, and supported by Age UK and the City Council for Coventry to become an Age Friendly City.
- engagement and consultation relating to meeting the challenge of budget pressures faced the City Council and partner organisations.
- the progression of the Older People priority as contained in the Coventry Health and Well-Being Strategy.

#### 4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

The City Council directly benefits from leading and having a strong presence on the Older People's Partnership. As it is an established group of multiple stakeholders it is a valuable mechanism for open and on-going dialogue regarding health and social issues as they affect older people. Without the group it would be difficult to have this dialogue and would risk the City Council becoming more remote from the people it serves.

#### 5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

Date of Partnership meeting	In attendance
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2012	Cllr Lepoidevin and Cllr Clifford
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Cllr Lucas
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2012	

5.1 Where the Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) and Shadow Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) have been unable to attend a Partnership meeting a briefing on any key issues discussed or identified has been provided.

5.2 There is no remuneration attached to these appointments.

## List of background papers

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### **Description of paper**

Terms of Reference for the Coventry Older Peoples Partnership

**Location** Community Services Directorate

### **Description of paper**

Schedule of City Council Appointments to outside Bodies

**Location** CH60