



Older People's Council

Brighton & Hove





OPC Brighton & Hove

- Council represents residents aged over 60
- Council Members elected every 4 years
- Public elections run by Electoral Services
- Electorate are registered voters aged 60+
- 9 OPC wards covering 23 council wards
- 9 elected members
- Up to 4 co-opted members



OPC Brighton & Hove

- First elected older people body in UK
- 2003 – first Council
- 2007 – second Council
- 2011 – current Council
- 2015 – next election in June 2015



OPC Officers 2012



SECRETARY – Mike Bojczuk



CHAIR – Jack Hazelgrove



VICE-CHAIR – Francis Tonks



TREASURER – Peter Terry



OPC members 2012





OPC Mission

- We are elected to serve older people.
- We work to ensure that all older people in Brighton & Hove are treated with respect and dignity and have access to services, support and the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life.
- We are working to create a city where:
 - The contribution of all older people is acknowledged and valued
 - The needs of older people are recognised and met
 - Older people are involved in making decisions that affect their daily lives and the communities in which they live.



OPC Commitments

- **Commitment One: We will listen** to older people in the City and work closely with other local older people's groups and organisations
- **Commitment Two: We will publicise our work** through meetings, and the local press and media.
- **Commitment Three: We will monitor** the City Council, local health trusts and other providers of goods and services by making sure that we are represented on the appropriate committees and forums.
- **Commitment Four: We will challenge disadvantage** experienced by older people by being watchful to ensure that all older people, regardless of race, creed, sexuality or ability, are given the same access to opportunity as every other member of society and are not discriminated against.
- **Commitment Five: We will highlight goods, services and opportunities** that promote dignity and support older people to live independent lives where they want to.
- **Commitment Six: We will promote the Human and Civil Rights of Older People** by encouraging the provision and maintenance of a physical and social environment that enables older people to live productive and fulfilling lives.



OPC Successes

- 2003 - 2007
Inspired Older People weekend Oct 2005

- 2007 – 2011
- Older People Day 2008
- Medical Cards
- Relocation of bus shelter



OPC Successes

- 2011 – 2015



OPC Work Programme 2011/15

- 2011 – 2012
 - Monthly Speakers – Councillors , Council Managers
 - Selected Areas of Interest
 - Questions from OPC
 - What outcomes have we had?



OPC Work Programme 2012 -

- Suggestions
 - Colin/ Penny – Community engagement
 - Marion- relationship with Councillors
 - Penny – agree OPC priorities
 - SEEFA- pilot study & the Level
 - OPC work areas agreed – surveys, research
 - Monthly meetings linked to work areas
 - Focussed on surveys & work
 - Visible outcomes



OPC Work Programme 2012 -

- SUGGESTIONS
- Work to Forward Plan – champion elderly.
- Age Friendly City – manage/monitor work.
- - research programmes – care home standards, sheltered homes
- Pilot old people teleconferencing – isolation, library book club, health topics



OPC Work Programme 2012 -

- Public Meetings – how to increase attendance – joint meetings with other groups?
- Council Meetings / Committees – how best to attend / influence?
- Links with other older people groups – what do we have? Should we update these?
- Links with ‘constituencies’ – do we represent consensus of older people views?