



5. The network will recognise the diverse range of interests and needs of older people in Central Bedfordshire and strengthen the role of older people as contributors to the life of the community. It will thus enable the voice of older people to be heard. It will then provide a means for statutory bodies and those in private or third sector agencies to inform and consult older people concerning current services, or proposed initiatives intended to promote older people's well-being. Older people, and their carers or representatives, will be encouraged to comment upon, or evaluate, such services or initiatives, and their impact. Feedback relating to results in the field will be facilitated.
6. The network will, from time to time, recommend action to promote its aims and objectives. Action plans may be agreed by all parties. Reports on such action plans, their implementation and their outcomes will be developed, circulated to the membership and reported to PPIP for consideration and comment.

## Modus Operandi

1. The Central Bedfordshire Older People's Network will hold meetings, initially at quarterly intervals, facilitated by Central Bedfordshire Council. Meetings will be held in a variety of locations across Central Bedfordshire, to enable, as often as possible, interested older people to attend in their own localities.
2. Meetings will be chaired by the Assistant Director. Adult Social Care, Central Bedfordshire Council. At the inaugural meeting, and at annual intervals thereafter, an Older Person, resident of Central Bedfordshire, will be elected as Co-Chair to serve on a voluntary basis to assist the Assistant Director in leading or facilitating meetings. A Vice-Co-Chair may also be elected. A secretariat service will be provided by the council.
3. Meetings of the Older People's Network will be themed, such themes being suggested either by current initiatives or by suggestions from the floor. Guest speakers may be invited. Pre-meetings may be organised, an hour ahead of the planned start time, to facilitate group contributions where appropriate.
4. Communications between meetings will be encouraged and will normally be facilitated by email. Members will be encouraged to share materials gathered from their own activities and, in turn, contribute to the agenda for forthcoming meetings.

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