

Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Meeting
5.00pm to 6:30pm Council Chambers (1st Floor 350 High Street Preston)
Meeting Minutes - Thursday 9 February 2017

Chair: Cr Gaetano Greco

Minutes: Mitchell Bowden

Community Representatives Attendance: Anne Learmonth, Robyn Vote, Mary Castellani, Virginia Herts, Frances Hennessy, Audrey Grace, Marika Bozinova, Nick Nicholaou, Geoff Richards

Councillor Representatives Attendance: Cr Lina Messina, Cr Gaetano Greco

Darebin Council Representatives Attendance: Shadi Hanna (Manager, Aged & Disability Department), Mitchell Bowden (Marketing & Community Engagement Officer), Nicola Johnson (Community Development Officer)

Apologies: Lyn Austin, Draga Kostandinova

AGENDA

Item	Key Discussion Points	Action – Who/When
1. Welcome	Cr Gaetano Greco welcomed everyone to the meeting and members introduced themselves.	-
2. Agenda overview	Cr Greco provided an overview of the agenda and asked for additional items. Board members requested that the following be discussed under 'other items': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees - Public consultation regarding assisted dying 	-
3. Terms of Reference	Board discussed changes made to the Terms of Reference following last meeting. Change of title Members advised that initially the term "Board" was included in the title with the intent to brand the group in a particular way. It was also raised that a "Committee" is elected, whereas a "Board" is appointed. As such, members agreed that the term "Board" should remain in the title.	Mitchell Update Terms or Reference and circulate with minutes.

	<p>Mission statement and role of the Board It was agreed that part of the current Mission Statement (second paragraph) requires re-wording and re-positioning under 'Statement of Purpose' (as first paragraph).</p> <p>Membership The Board discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The need to have diversity in age, gender, ethnicity and life experience. – Whether duration of appointment should be stipulated in the Terms of Reference (currently 'minimum of two years'). – Whether members should 'retire' after stipulated time to enable succession planning/progressive retirement. – Whether appointments should be made by election. <p>It was agreed that the priority is to ensure adequate numbers and representative mix, before considering holding elections.</p> <p>The Board were also advised that two Expressions Of Interest (EOI) have been received by associates of current Board members. Follow up of these EOIs, and other membership related activities have been carried forward until the Coordinator, Community Participation and Development Unit returns from leave on Monday 13 February.</p> <p>Financial interests and conflicts of interest Board member queried whether working for/with another council would be considered a conflict of interest. Cr Greco explained that a conflict of interest arises when a member's personal circumstances might influence the way they contribute to a conversation, or their perspective on an issue. Board members are responsible for identifying and disclosing any potential conflicts of interest, and then as a group, the Board will decide how the disclosure should be dealt with (eg. relevant member leaves the meeting whilst that item is discussed, or doesn't contribute to the conversation). Working for/with another council was not considered a conflict of interest.</p>	<p>Gillian Follow up 2 x EOIs and other membership related activities (as per previous minutes)</p> <p>Add following items to next meeting agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Recruitment – Progressive retirement – Review and endorsement of Terms of Reference
<p>4. Sector Reform Update</p>	<p>Shadi provided an update on the aged care reforms.</p> <p>Home Care Packages (HCP) Shadi advised the Board that there will be changes to the way that older people can get support through a HCP. A HCP is where funding is provided directly to the</p>	

individual as opposed to service providers. Services providers are then required to compete in an open marketplace where clients can choose who they get services from. Cr Messina clarified that the client pathway will be managed by the Commonwealth Government, and will include the following processes:

1. Older people will be assessed and approved for either a Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 HCP
2. Once approved, people will be placed on a wait list
3. While on a wait list people can visit/meet with service providers to determine which one they prefer
4. When a package becomes available, people can then allocate their package to the provider they choose.

Shadi advised the Board, that Darebin City Council is **not** currently a service provider for older people on a HCP.

Council's role in aged care

The Board questioned what Council's role will be when funding is shifted from service providers (eg. Council) to individuals. Cr Greco advised the Board that a resolution will be put before Council this coming Monday (13 February) calling for allocation of resources to start a consultation process and consideration of Council's role beyond June 2019. This will include exploration not only of whether Council will be a service provider, but what its role is more broadly – in advocacy, information provision, linkage and referral.

The Board requested that they be informed by having 'Sector reform updates' as a standing agenda item; and that members be included by providing advice and recommendations to inform Council decision making. The Board provided the following motion:

The Board strongly recommends that adequate funding be allocated to doing a meaningful consultation and other necessary processes to continue as a service provider, and that the Board be included in the relevant decision making processes.

NDIS update

In reference to the Board's previous motion regarding Council's decision about the NDIS, members questioned what has been done in response to their recommendation for the appointment of an 'Advocacy Officer' role. Shadi advised the Board that staff have been supporting clients that are already transitioning; and

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Add 'Sector reforms update' as a standing item on Board meeting agenda

	that two new positions have been developed and will soon be filled. The two new roles will have an advocacy function. The majority of Council's clients will transition between May and June 2017.	
5. Aged and Disability update	<p>Community Participation and Development Unit</p> <p>Nicola provided an update on recent work of the Community Participation and Development Unit (document included with minutes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Members expressed interest in featuring the Board in the next edition of the Older and Active in Darebin Directory which is currently being drafted. – Nicola advised Board of work with TransDev regarding age friendly bus routes. Members expressed having experienced the benefits of these changes on buses in Darebin. It was agreed that an acknowledgement letter would be sent on behalf of the Board to TransDev in appreciation of their work. – Nicola advised the Board of a number of community meal/lunch options that provide older people with opportunities for social connection. Board members requested a list of these options to promote within their networks 	<p>Mitchell Circulate Community Participation and Development update with minutes</p> <p>Mitchell Draft letter to TransDev and circulate with minutes for comment from Board members</p> <p>Mitchell Circulate copy of community meal/lunch options with minutes</p>
6. Proposed meeting with Darebin Disability Advisory Committee (DDAC)	<p>The Board discussed a number of ways to structure the joint meeting with DDAC. It was agreed that both the Board and DDAC would discuss the issues/priorities that will guide their work over the coming 12 months with a focus on the issues/priorities that are likely to be common. The Board suggested the following process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – At Board meeting in April, Board will decide on three items/priorities that will be presented at joint meeting. – At DDAC meeting in April, Committee to decide on three items/priorities that will be presented at joint meeting. – Joint meeting date arranged for May (outside of existing Committee/Board meetings) in liaison with relevant Council officer. – Invite sent out for agreed meeting date for those who are able to attend 	<p>Gillian Coordinate joint meeting date with MetroAccess Officer and circulate invites</p> <p>Add 'Joint meeting with DDAC' to next meeting agenda for Board to decide on what they will present</p>
7. Other items	<p>Palm Sunday March for Refugees</p> <p>Anne advised the Board of the 'Palm Sunday march for refugees' (Sunday 9 April), and requested that attending Councillors consult other Councillors about endorsing and/or promoting the march. Information will be provided to the attending Councillors to inform discussion.</p>	<p>Anne Learmonth Send information about 'Palm Sunday march for refugees' to Mitchell to be passed on to Crs</p>

	<p>Public consultation on assisted dying Nick advised the Board that the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services are holding a consultation on the introduction of legislation regarding 'assisted dying.' Board members can register to attend consultations at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://physadconsult-telstra.eventbrite.com.au, and - https://physadconsult-marriot.eventbrite.com.au 	<p>Cr Greco and Cr Messina Discuss Council endorsement and or/promotion of march with other Councillors</p>
<p>8. Meeting Closed</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday 13 April, 2017 5:00PM – 6:30PM Conference Room – (1st Floor, 350 High Street Preston)</p>	