

### 3. OLDER PERSONS' POLICY ACTION PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's endorsement of the draft "Older Persons' Policy Action Plan".

#### BACKGROUND

In 1998 the Council passed the Older Persons' Policy. Since then staff have gathered information from Council Units about their activities relating to older people and the Community Services Committee has attended a seminar hosted by Age Concern to look at ways to implement the Policy.

#### DRAFT ACTION PLAN

The draft Action Plan (separately circulated) draws on the information from Units, the seminar and the consultation done when the Policy was developed. For the most part the actions are general activities which will affect all Units. This means that even Units which do not undertake activities which relate specifically to older people will be required to ensure that their activities comply with the Policy and the Action Plan. For example, just as Units are required to consider the impact of new proposals on children, this Action Plan will require the needs and views of older people to also be taken into account in all planning.

#### MONITORING THE ACTION PLAN

If the Committee adopts the Older Persons' Policy Action Plan then staff will report on its implementation by Units on an annual basis.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Older Persons' Policy Action Plan is adopted.
  2. That the Committee discusses the options for ensuring the Action Plan is implemented.

- Chairman's Recommendation:**
1. That the Committee recommend the Older Persons' Policy Action Plan to the Council for adoption.
  2. That the City Manager be asked to report annually on the implementation of the action plan.
  3. That community organisations such as Age Concern be considered, together with business and employer groups, when seeking representatives on Council Committees.