

Gedling Seniors Council

Terms of Reference

- Between 2009 and 2030 Gedling's 65+ age population is projected to increase by 42.3% to equate to 26.3% of the total borough population and the 85+age population is projected to increase by 100.0% to equate to 4.8% of the population.
- Over 11,000 people aged 65+ are projected to be living alone by 2030 in Gedling, an increase of 45.9% between 2009 and 2030.
- In 2009, it was estimated that 46.9% of people aged 65+ in Gedling had a limiting long-term illness.
- The number of people aged 65+ with dementia is projected to increase by 65.4% between 2009 and 2030.

Such statistical information presents organisations working in the borough with a significant challenge in order to meet the needs of this changing population.

Gedling Borough Council is keen to ensure that the views of older people are heard and responded to. The Gedling Seniors Council seeks to provide an opportunity for older people to scrutinize and comment on new policy ideas, shape service delivery and respond to legislative changes and other issues affecting older people in Gedling.

Aims and Objectives

'To improve the delivery of services and support for us all as we age'

- To engage with agencies and organisations from all sectors working within Gedling Borough to develop appropriate services for older people
- To listen to the needs of older people
- To represent the views of older people
- To recognise and seek to address the needs of different generations, religious and cultural groups that make up the older community in Gedling
- To help shape feedback on current policies and services

Membership

Membership is made up of representatives from voluntary and community sector groups that work with and for older people within the Borough of Gedling, along with individuals.

Representatives of statutory agencies that provide services to the older community may be invited to meetings as guests.

The organisation is supported by, but independent from Gedling Borough Council, and will engage positively with the wider framework of the Nottinghamshire Older Person's Advisory Group.

Name	Organisation / Agency / Individual

Chairperson

The chair will be rotated on an annual basis from within the membership of the group.

Frequency of Meetings

The group will meet four times per year.

One-off meetings may be held to discuss a specific topic or to input into specific consultations and / or focus groups.

Task Groups

The group may from time to time instigate task groups that maybe themed or may be geographically / neighbourhood or community (interest) based, in order to examine in more depth priority issues identified by the Seniors Council.

Task groups will feed back to the main Seniors Council at quarterly meetings.

Decision Making

The Seniors Council will elect an executive committee which will make interim recommendations in furthering the work programme of the Seniors Council, pending approval by the wider membership at Seniors Council meetings.

Priority Concerns / Issues identified

- Benefits and community social care
- Isolation / Socialisation
- Transport
- Housing
- Older people's access to I.T.

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