



# Senior Council

for

# Devon

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**NOTICE OF AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE  
ISCA CENTRE EXETER EX4 8NT ON FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011  
AT 9.30 AM (Coffee/Registration) FOR PROMPT 10.30 AM START UNTIL 1.30 PM**

The Senior Council for Devon Annual General Meeting 2010/11 Agenda:

1. Welcome and Apologies.
2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 1st October 2009.
3. Approval of the minutes of the EGM held on 20th July 2010.
4. Matters Arising from the AGM.
5. Matters Arising from the EGM.
6. Annual Report of the Board.
7. Approval of Annual Accounts.
8. Appointment of Auditors.
9. Elections for Board members.
10. Motions as submitted by members.
11. AOB

Proxy forms are attached. We would respectfully ask that any questions on the agenda or attached motions are submitted by **5 pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Owing to the size of the agenda anyone wishing to speak for or against a motion will be limited to a two-minute slot. This will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Any further motions received will be included on the agenda **ONLY IF APPROVED BY THE BOARD AS DESERVING URGENT ATTENTION.**

Please see the reverse for an update on the current situation on funding negotiations with Devon County Council Adult and Community Services.

Please register with Sally or Andrea by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February if you expect to attend the meeting. Registration may be by telephone (01803 732678) or email ([info@scfd.org.uk](mailto:info@scfd.org.uk)) or by post (by completing and returning the tear-off slip overleaf to PO Box 210, Harberton, Totnes, Devon TQ9 9DA).

Draft minutes of the previous AGM and EGM will be sent out ONLY to those members who register. Copies of the Annual Report, Draft Strategic Plan and the draft minutes are all available on the website ([www.seniorcouncildevon.org.uk](http://www.seniorcouncildevon.org.uk)). Paper copies will be supplied only by specific request.

Please let us know if you require a sandwich lunch. There will be a break for coffee at 11.45 am.

Yours sincerely

Gillie Newcombe, Acting Chairman

I/We will be attending the AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at the Isca Centre, Exeter.

Name: ..... Tel No: .....

Branch ..... Do you require a sandwich lunch?.....

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**Senior Council Funding Situation**

As you are all aware, the three-year funding from NHS Devon and the County Council for the Senior Council for Devon runs out on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. This applies also to most other joint funded voluntary projects. Neither Devon County Council nor NHS Devon are under any obligation to continue funding us or any other joint engagement projects. Since November the Board, on Senior Council’s behalf, has been attending meetings with DCC, NHS and other voluntary organisations to look at methods of our continuing a service into the new financial year.

In December we were informed that DCC Adult and Community Services were only considering funding through a consortium of organisations which include: Devon Disability Network (Living Options), Devon Link-up, Devon Carers Link (Westbank), Devon Peoples First, Be Involved Devon (EDVSA, Exeter CVS), and that all these organisations had to participate in order to avoid DCC going to Open Competitive Tendering. Faced with the probability of no continuing funding, the Board invited representatives of all the Senior Council local branches to a meeting in Exeter in January to inform them of the situation and ask for approval to continue negotiations with other members of the proposed consortium and DCC’s NHS representatives. It was almost unanimously agreed (one abstention).

Since then a meeting has been held with Paul Giblin and Graham Varley, commissioning managers for joint engagement at DCC, at which they informed us that they were looking for a “strategic policy that gave parity on sustainability”. As DCC makes redundancies and loses staff, there has to be smarter purchasing from and monitoring of externally funded organisations. This will need to be carried out by, and through the joining together of these partner organisations fronted by a Lead Agency.

They have asked each organisation in the proposed partnership to look at what they can provide for £80,000 and £100,000 – a reduction in overall funding for SCfD of 46% and 64%, respectively to be spent solely on health and social care. The Board have been working to draw up budgets to incorporate these prerequisites. The Fundraising committee will be looking at alternative ways to raise money for all the other invaluable aspects of Senior Council’s work. We foresee that the work of the Senior Council can continue in all the same areas as previously for at least 12 months. This will, however, mean a re-evaluation of every budget and cost-cutting at every level.