

# Wirral Older People's Parliament

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## Summary of Report of Developments and Issues

- Wirral Older People's Parliament is steadily settling down, finding its feet and examining ways in which to develop.
- Officers from Wirral have been generous in their support; in particular the practical and professional support from Tracey Smith (Community Services), Andrea Grant (Democratic Services) and John Webb (Department of Adult Social Services) has been appreciated.
- Age Concern is represented by Jamie Anderson and his support has been most helpful.
- The Parliament has secured funding of £15,000. Revenue from DASS also a grant of £5,000 from Wirral Partnership Homes.
- The financial commitment of DASS is greatly appreciated and has enabled WOPP to appoint a part-time co-ordinator – Lesley Howells.
- WOPP has met formally on 3 occasions, and has established a number of sub-groups – detailed below.
- Working through an Executive, WOPP is advancing its work on a range of matters. This far exploring:
  1. Housing and Environment
    - a. Housing policy and the provision for the older person –Village Concept (St Helens for example).
    - b. Place of the older tenant in housing provision, services and design of housing.
    - c. Environmental influences
    - d. Newly proposed legislation
  2. Education
    - a. Involvement of the older person in the educational community: bridging the gap between youth and age.
    - b. Experiment proposals
  3. Health and Social Care
    - a. Evaluation of Domiciliary Care Services

- b. Evaluation of Residential Care Services
- c. Evaluation of professional care services
- d. Abuse of older persons: the form it takes
- e. Engagement of/with the Inspectorate
- f. Involvement in National Service Framework
- g. The Disabled National Service Framework

4. Crime and Respect

- a. Sentencing policy (Courts)
- b. Community Service – in particular evaluation
- c. Function of Magistrate
- d. Function of Police
- e. Anti Social Behaviour

5. Consultation and Conduct

- a. Consultation and conduct of a meeting
- b. Consultation and conduct of a business

6. Transport

7. Disability and Safety

8. Publicity

9. Standards and Constitution

- Our intention is for all 44 members of WOPP to play a active role both on the Parliament staff and through connection to Local Area Forums
- Our Executive Member, with a responsibility for publicity, Sandy Cameron, is both enthusiastic and expert in producing high quality comment and information. He has made links with the Public Relations Team at Wirral Council.
- Most recently, members of WOPP attended the Local Area Forum Training. Also links have been made with the Young Peoples' Parliament.
- Initial contacts with Better Government for Older People are proving helpful with their regional representative due to attend a local meeting of the Executive in Wirral in October.
- WOPP is keen to play a full and active part in the developments in Wirral. We believe we have a role in developing the involvement of active citizenship and would wish to contribute through the Local Area Agreement to the strategic plans for Wirral.
- WOPP is actively looking to link our work in Wirral, with a research project seeking to measure the outcomes of our involvement with the Council and its partners.

- Attached is the most up to date list of members of the Parliament and details of the Executive Committee

**Membership and Executive Committee attached**

**Signed:**

**Jack Cuffe**

**Signed:**

**Sandra Wall**