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<b>STRATEGY AND POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE</b> <b>6 APRIL 2009</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE</b>
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<b>A9</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER AND CHAIRPERSON TO OLDER PERSONS' CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:</b>	<b>GEOFF OULTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING</b>
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<b>FILE NO.:</b>	<b>02/06/02</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>ATTACHMENT ONE: OPCC TERMS OF REFERENCE</b> <b>ATTACHMENT TWO: OPCC LEAFLET</b>

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**1. PURPOSE**

In accordance with its Terms of Reference (see copy attached as Attachment One), the Older Persons' Consultative Committee (OPCC) has undertaken a recruitment process for a new member. The OPCC is also forwarding to Council its recommendation for the appointment of OPCC Chairperson for 2009.

The OPCC, resolved at its 12 January 2009 formal meeting, to forward the name of Michael Gibson for Council nomination as a new member to the Committee.

The OPCC resolved at its 9 December 2008 meeting to nominate Committee member Ms Liz Robson as Chairperson for 2009.

These recommendations seek Council's appointment.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve to:

- Appoint Michael Gibson a member of the Older Persons' Consultative Committee.
- Appoint Liz Robson as Chairperson of the Older Persons' Consultative Committee reference group for 2009.

### **3. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

#### 3.1 Introduction

The OPCC is a key consultative committee of Council. Its 10 community members provide advice and advocate to Council about wellbeing issues affecting older people as well as on policies, plans and services impacting on older people. The *Ageing Well in Port Phillip Strategy 2006-2016* is Council's key policy document relating to older persons in the community.

#### 3.2 New Member

The OPCC Terms of Reference indicate that the OPCC "...will consist of: Up to 13 members appointed by Council, who are individuals reflective of the City's cultural diversity (and) A Councillor appointed by the Council."

The OPCC has been operating successfully with 10 members up until December 2008 when there was a resignation. The appointment of David Gibson will bring the numbers back to a level that will facilitate a quorum (which is 5) attending should members not all be able to attend meetings from time-to-time.

#### 3.3 Chairperson

The OPCC Terms of Reference also state: "The Council will appoint a Chairperson from the members of the Committee, after receiving a recommendation from the Committee. The Chairperson will serve a renewable one-year term."

At its final meeting of 2008, the OPCC nominated Ms Liz Robson to chair the OPCC for the 2009 year. It appointed Annette Coy as the Deputy Chair and long-serving member Richard James was appointed as Secretary, for the 2009 year.

### **4. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS**

#### 4.1 Advertising

The call for nominations for membership of the OPCC was widely advertised through distribution of a flyer (see copy attached as Attachment 2). This flyer as well as promoting the OPCC and its endeavours, also includes a call for nomination to the Committee and sets out the criteria for selection.

#### 4.2 Interview

The nominee, David Gibson, was interviewed by a Committee and Council officer prior to his nomination at the January OPCC meeting. He is well known to the Committee, having served on the reference group for the annual Seniors Festival for a number of years. He has strong connections across the local community and wider through being:

- President of the Port Melbourne Senior Citizens and Trugo Club
- Former secretary of the Victorian Trugo Association
- Former secretary of ALSO Foundation of which he is a life member
- Member of the local Lions Club
- Member of the Albert Park Elderly Citizens Club

He engages in activities directly supporting the community such as:

- Cooking a monthly community meal at the Trugo Club
- Running the Lions sausage sizzle regularly

## **5. DISCUSSION**

### Introduction

Members of the OPCC do occasionally retire. It is important that Council appoint new members to replace those retiring to ensure both the viability of the Committee as well as demonstrate support for a very hard-working group. This nomination has been somewhat protracted due to a number of factors including the Council caretaker period at the end of last year and changes to Council staff.

### Action

The OPCC is keen to see this appointment progressed. Council has made its support for older persons in the community clear through a number of longstanding advocacies and actions.

## **6. IMPLEMENTATION**

Council's appointment of a new member to the OPCC will be implemented immediately.