

7 HOSPITAL FUND AND JOHNSTON BEQUEST (AN47-2022)

Further to the previous decisions (Article XII of minute of meeting of this Committee of 24th August, 2020 refers), to provide funding until 31st March 2021 to support a 0.7 FTE post in Dundee Citizens Advice Bureau's Older People Advice Service (OPAS) at a cost of £25,000 per annum, it is recommended that this funding be extended for a further 24 months to 31st March, 2023 and that retrospective approval for the funding be granted allowing the award to be made from 1st April, 2021.

Statistical reviews on the work of OPAS have been annually undertaken by Council Advice Services and this arrangement is deemed to be very effective in terms of the overall benefits provided for this contribution. The service generally provides support to around 400-500 Dundee citizens each year and raises benefit gains in the region of around £500,000, equivalent to around £20 for each £1 spent.