

BASIC INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

NAME OF COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE: Social Care Council

BRIEF BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF AREAS OF WORK: Services to Older People, Children & Families, Criminal Justice, Homelessness, Mental Health, Substance Misuse, Learning Disabilities, Counselling.

CrossReach is the trading name of the Social Care Council and continues the Church of Scotland's long tradition of providing care and support. In fact, this work started back in 1869, so we have a long history in the field of social care. 2019 is the 150th anniversary of The Church delivering social care in Scotland.

We employ 1,760 staff and have an annual expenditure of £45 million. Most of our funding comes from local authorities, but we also rely on donations and legacies to help continue our vital work. Almost 4% of our income comes from the Church of Scotland.

NAMES OF CONVENER AND SECRETARY:

Convener: Mr Bill Steele
Secretary: Mrs Viv Dickenson

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 25 (two of whom will be Vice Conveners)

FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

2019

February

June – overnight (lunchtime to lunchtime)

September

December

Meetings are held in Charis House Edinburgh, 121 George Street, Edinburgh or occasionally in a local area. The meetings start at 10:30 and finish by 3:30pm. Annual meeting dates for 2019 are agreed late 2018.

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS ETC:

(Governance Groups meet on the same day - last Wednesday of the month – each member is expected to be a member of a Governance Group)

Executive Governance Committee: Every month - 1:00 to 3:30pm (2:30 lunch)

Finance & Resources Governance Group: Alternate months - 10:15 to 12:30pm

Quality & Standards Governance Group: Alternate months - 10:15 to 12:30pm

EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:

To play an active part in Council meetings, to read all appropriate material disseminated to members in advance of meetings. To scrutinise the work of CrossReach and to be involved in one of the Sub Groups and assist, where able, in other specialist areas. Contribute to the decision making role of Council in setting strategic and operational direction, and acting within the guidelines set for Council membership. Support the Convener and Vice-Conveners in undertaking their responsibilities and most importantly champion the work of CrossReach to church groups and others

PARTICULAR SKILLS SOUGHT FOR 2019

Human Resources Professional

Social Care or Health Senior Management Experience

Business Management

Marketing Design and Communications

IT/Information Management

Estates and Property Management

Professional Accountancy