

Agenda

Morning Session

'The Strategy for Carers in Scotland - A Ten year Vision for Carers'

Recognising the significant contribution made by Scotland's unpaid carers, the Scottish Government is committed to developing a new Strategy for Carers in Scotland for publication in the first half of 2010. This will build on progress since the publication of the Care 21 Report: The Future of Unpaid Care in Scotland as well as the previous Strategy for Carers, published in 1999.

10.30 **Registration and refreshments**

11.00 to 11.10 **Welcome and Introductions**

11.10 to 11.25 **Moira Oliphant, Carers Policy Branch, The Scottish Government**

Moira will provide an overview of how the strategy is being developed and what other government workstreams it will connect with.

11.25 to 11.30 **Electronic polling**

Throughout the day we will be asking people to vote on key issues relating to the strategy. Electronic keypads will be used to collect and analyse your views

11.30 to 11.45 **Gordon Paterson, Carers Policy Branch, The Scottish Government**

Gordon will outline some of the key themes which will be reflected in the strategy and will provide an update on the Carers Strategy Working Groups

11.45 to 11.50 **Keypad responses**

11.50 to 12.05 **Ron Culley, COSLA**

Ron will outline COSLA's key role in relation to the development, local implementation and monitoring of the strategy.

12.05 to 12.10 **Keypad responses**

12.10 to 12.45 **Panel session/Debate**

This is your chance to ask questions relating to what you have heard from speakers in the morning session and to give your views on the progress of the Carers Strategy to date.

Lunch & Networking

Afternoon Session

1.45 to 2.00 **Catherine Patterson, Spokesperson for The Carers Reference Group**

Catherine will outline the work of the Carers Reference Group, which has been set up to ensure the views of carers remain central to the development of the Strategy

2.00 to 2.05 **Keypad responses**

2.05 to 2.20 **Louise Morgan, Young Carers Alliance**

Louise will give an update on the Young Carers Strategy Group and the development of the young carers pull-out section of the strategy.

2.20 to 2.25 **Keypad responses**

2.25 to 3.00 **Panel Session / Debate**

This is your chance to ask questions relating to what you have heard from speakers in the afternoon session and to give your views on the progress of the Carers Strategy to date

3.00 **Close of meeting**