



## OLDER PEOPLE'S CHARTER

This charter reinforces the existing rights of all older people in Manchester to live in an age-friendly city. Manchester has a diverse population, and the charter recognises the diversity of older people. This includes gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

The charter recognises the diverse roles that older people have in the city and all that they bring.

The charter is for all older people as they are often marginalised in society, and we encourage all major organisations in the city to adopt it. It will be embedded through action.

### VALUE

Older people have the right to be treated with dignity and respect and to be free to live a life that has meaning and purpose. Their contribution is a significant economic and social asset to the city. Older people work in the city with all generations to make it a better place.

### INDEPENDENCE

Older people have the right to decide where they live, how they live and with whom they live. They have the right to access services and travel around their city without hindrance or barriers.

### INFORMATION

Older people have the right to information, advice and guidance that is up to date, appropriate and relevant, in a range of formats.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Older people have the right to lead a healthy and proactive life wherever they live, with access to social and creative opportunities. They have the right to access health and wellbeing services and to be fully involved in later-life decisions.

### DECISION-MAKING AND VOICE

Older people have the right to choice and control and to meaningfully influence the decision-making processes that affect their lives. They have the right to be engaged in shaping all aspects of life, including involvement in the design and delivery of the services that are provided to support them.

### SAFETY, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Older people have the right to be taken seriously when they are afraid. When they need the law to protect them, they should not be treated differently because they are older.