

**MM-3 MAYORAL MINUTE - COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS
CONCORD**

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

Computer Pals for Seniors in Concord have serviced the local community for over 16 years. At the 2017 AGM, the Management Committee of Computer Pals made the difficult decision to close the service at the end of the year. This decision was made based on the difficulty recruiting volunteers to run the administration of the service.

I would like to recognise the important work this organisation has undertaken over the last 16 years and the benefits it has brought to our community. Since 2001, Computer Pals for Seniors have been bridging the gap between the generations and encouraging seniors to explore the advantages of using computer technology. Computer Pals is living proof that older people can continue to learn at any age, are able to adapt to change and in fact, embrace technologies that can assist them in many aspects of their lives.

Since the announcement of the closure of Computer Pals, Council have been in discussion with the group to include the volunteers in a new service model that will run within Councils library service.

I would like to thank the long standing Management Committee that made this possible and their contribution to the community; John Smith (President), Janice Tamba (Secretary), previous office bearers and the volunteers involved over the past 16 years.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive and note the report