



Championing consumer standards in later life



Seven Things - 2 October 2026

The weekly news digest from the CEO of the Equity Release Council

Quote of the week:

[Financial Reporter](#) Reflecting on 35 years of change in the later life market, stronger consumer safeguards and the increasing importance of housing wealth in retirement.

"there is no such thing as a typical later life borrower" CEO Jim Boyd, Equity Release Council

Seven things this week:

[NEW MEMBER:](#) Brilliant Solutions has joined the Equity Release Council, further strengthening the connection between the later life lending sector and the wider mortgage intermediary market. Read the full release [here](#).

LATER LIFE LENDING SUMMIT NORTH: Join us in Leeds on Tuesday 17 November 2026 for our Later Life Lending Summit - North at Headingley Stadium, held in collaboration with the Association of Mortgage Intermediaries. Please [click here](#) to read the latest agenda and register.

CARE CLINIC: Save the date for our next Care Clinic with My Care Consultant on Wednesday 21 October. Join us for another informative session exploring key issues around care and later life. Registration details will follow shortly.

RETIREMENT COMPASS WEBINAR: A reminder to members that the webinar and Retirement Compass: The Later Life Finance Index report are available to access in the Member Lounge. Access the webinar [here](#), full report [here](#) and press release [here](#).

AGM MINUTES: This week the Council published the minutes from our 32nd Annual General Meeting. To read the minutes, please click [here](#).

CALL FOR CONTENT: We are now collating content for the Autumn edition of the Council's newsletter. We're particularly interested in content on technical issues, industry news or policy matters, as well as opinion and comment. Please email [Allyson McAlister](#) in the Comms team with your content by 21 October.

INDUSTRY EVENTS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Our Deputy CEO and Director of Risk, Policy & Compliance, Kelly Melville-Kelly delivered a keynote address at the Mortgage and Protection Summit in Leeds yesterday titled 'Regulation & Consumer Outcomes: Finding the Right Balance.'

Kind regards,

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