

COUNCIL – 23RD OCTOBER 2019

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – #IPLEDGE2TALK CAMPAIGN

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 6 of the report, and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11 (3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor B. Jones, S. Morgan, C. Gordon, C. Cuss, Mrs E. Stenner, Mrs L. Phipps, N. George and Mrs P. Marsden.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to Council for consideration.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 6.1 below.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. LINKS TO STRATEGY

5.1 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision making roles and responsibilities which will impact on future generations.

6. REPORT

- 6.1 Councillor B. Jones requests in her Notice of Motion that Council:-
 - Support the #IPledge2Talk suicide prevention campaign and will work to support
 positive mental health in the Caerphilly communities, in local schools, neighbourhoods
 and workplaces.

- 2. Makes mental wellbeing a priority across all local authority's areas of responsibility.
- 3. Appoints Councillor C. Gordon (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services) as this Council's 'Mental Health Champion'
- 6.2 The following information is provided by the Member in support of her notice of motion.

Reasons for the Motion

In Wales more than 300 people die each year by suicide. In 2017, 278 of the 360 lives lost were male. We all have our part to play in reaching out and offering support to those in need by providing an opportunity to talk. Many people feel unable to talk about mental health due to the stigma that surrounds admitting there's a problem, we need to overcome this and we can all play a part in helping others feel comfortable enough to seek help.

The #IPledge2Talk Campaign was recently launched at the Senedd in collaboration with Mind Cymru, as a Local Authority, we acknowledge our crucial role in promoting awareness of the mental health and wellbeing.

Encouraging mental well-being should be a priority across all local authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.

As a Council we can champion mental health on an individual and strategic basis by appointing an elected member as a 'Mental Health Champion'.

7. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

7.1 The Notice of Motion is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the act as it complies with the rules and regulations of the Council's Constitution which sets out a clear framework for how the Council operates in particular decision making responsibilities which will consider the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

10. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

11. CONSULTATIONS

11.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

#IPLEDGE2TALK SUICIDE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

To consider the undersigned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor B. Jones and supported by Councillor S. Morgan, Councillor C. Cuss, Councillor E. Stenner, Councillor N. George, Councillor P. Marsden, Councillor L. Phipps and Councillor C. Gordon.

The #IPledge2Talk Campaign was recently launched at the Senedd in collaboration with Mind Cymru, as a Local Authority, we acknowledge our crucial role in promoting awareness of the mental health and wellbeing.

Encouraging mental well-being should be a priority across all local authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.

The authority will champion mental health on an individual and strategic basis and will appoint an elected member as its 'Mental Health Champion' within the Council.

This notice of motion therefore asks Council to:

- 1. Support the #IPledge2Talk suicide prevention campaign and will work to support positive mental health in the Caerphilly communities, in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.
- 2. Make mental wellbeing a priority across all local authority's areas of responsibility.
- 3. Appoint Councillor C. Gordon (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services) as this Council's 'Mental Health Champion'.



Councillor Barbara Jones



Councillor Sean Morgan



Councillor Carl Cuss



Councillor Colin Gordon



Councillor Eluned Stenner



Councillor Lisa Phipps



Councillor Philippa Marsden



Councillor Nigel George