



## COUNCIL – 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE (MND) CHARTER**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor N. George and is supported by Councillors C. Andrews, P. Leonard, E. Forehead, S. Cook, C. Morgan, J. Simmonds, E. Stenner, J. Pritchard, S. Morgan.
- 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 was referred to the Social Services Scrutiny Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023, where it was unanimously supported.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Council are asked to consider the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and note the comments of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee as detailed in Section 10 of the report.

### 4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

### 5. THE REPORT

#### 5.1 Notice of Motion

In his notice of motion Councillor N. George requests that Caerphilly County Borough Council adopt the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Charter to raise awareness

internally and, ultimately, achieve better outcomes for people living with the disease.

5.2 Councillor George provides the following information in support of his notice of motion: -

MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord, attacking the nerves that control movement so muscles refuse to work. MND affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time and has no cure. It kills around a third of people within a year of diagnosis and more than half within two years.

The MND Charter is a statement of the respect, care and support that people living with MND and their carers deserve and should expect.

There are five points to the Charter:

1. The right to an early diagnosis and information.
2. The right to access quality care and treatments.
3. The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect.
4. The right to maximise their quality of life.
5. Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

Whilst the Council is not responsible for everything outlined in these five points, it is a significant part of the jigsaw. The Charter asks that every time a Councillor makes a decision, they think about the impact on people living with MND and their carers in the community. As such, it is important that Councillors and all those working for and with the Council, understand the needs of people with MND and their carers.

Adopting the Charter will mean that the Council agrees to:

- Promote the MND Charter as widely as possible.
- Share the promotional materials – for example with Councillors, Council staff and Health and Social Care professionals who deliver services for the Council.
- Consider other ways of working together to support people with MND.

The adoption of the Charter will be the first step in a lasting relationship between the Council and the Association to ensure people with MND get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

## **6. ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

## **7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Council's Constitution.

7.2 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.

7.3 However the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may require an Integrated Impact Assessment.

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

## **10. CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 The notice of motion was considered by the Social Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and was unanimously supported.

10.2 Judith Rice, from the MND Association also attended the meeting and addressed the Committee outlining how the Council could raise awareness and start a partnership with the MND Association. This partnership would support the rights detailed within the Charter and contribute to a greater understanding of people living with MND and their Carers.

10.3 Clarification was sought as to whether training was on MND was provided to Carers and Officers confirmed that both internal and external care providers had access to MND training.

10.4 The Social Services Scrutiny Committee expressed their complete support for the Notice of Motion.

10.5 The Social Services Scrutiny Committee unanimously RECOMMENDED to Council that the Notice of Motion be supported.

## **11. STATUTORY POWER**

11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.