



## **COUNCIL - 21ST NOVEMBER 2017**

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMITMENT TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH DEMENTIA FRIENDLY INITIATIVES**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR –SOCIAL SERVICES**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 4 of the Report. In accordance with Rule of Procedure 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. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor C. Cuss and is supported by Councillors D. Poole, Mrs B. Jones and Mrs E. Stenner.
- 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. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- 3.1 This proposal links to the following:
- The Strategy for Older People In Wales: Living Longer Ageing Well and its implementation programme: Ageing Well in Wales
  - National Dementia Vision for Wales, 2011
  - Wales: A Dementia Friendly Nation, 2015
- 3.2 The Council has signed up to the 2014 Dublin Declaration for Age Friendly Cities & Communities, creating dementia friendly communities supports this declaration.
- 3.3 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out seven well-being goals that provide a vision for public bodies to work towards. Making our borough and council more dementia friendly works towards "a healthier Wales" by improving the mental well-being of those living with dementia, as well as their carers. It also raises awareness of dementia across the County Borough. The proposed motion is supported by work to make our town centres safe attractive and viable, and services more accessible, as set out below contributing to "a more equal Wales" and "a Wales of cohesive communities".

## 4. REPORT

4.1 Councillors Cuss, D. Poole, Mrs B Jones and Mrs E. Stenner request in their Notice of Motion that

“This Council confirms its commitment to becoming a Dementia Friendly Council through working in partnership with Dementia Friends to improve the lives of people affected by dementia. Council will support Dementia Friendly communities that empower people affected by dementia, to have high aspirations and feel confident, knowing they can contribute and participate in activities that are meaningful to them. Council will work with other public services, the private and voluntary sector, to raise awareness and promote the training on offer.”

4.2 In supporting the commitment, that Members appoint a Dementia Friendly Champion for the borough of Caerphilly and encourage all Council Members to undertake the Dementia Friends Training.

4.3 By way of background, commencing 2015, a joint initiative between the Alzheimer’s Society, Caerphilly County Borough Council and the Gwent Social Services and Well-being Act Transformation Team led to work across various Council services to assist residents and visitors to the Borough who are living with dementia. This work developed in to a range of work streams including;

- Blackwood Miners’ Institute becoming the first Dementia Friendly theatre in Wales.
- The Winding House in New Tredegar becoming the first Dementia Friendly museum in Wales.
- Rhymney and Caerphilly working towards becoming dementia friendly communities.
- Supporting CCBC and commissioned residential/nursing home care providers in respect of promoting and establishing good dementia care in order that people with dementia can live well.
- It is identified by the Alzheimer’s Society that our town centres, by their very nature, have the potential to be very challenging environments for those living with dementia. In light of this Town Centre Management Officers have sought to alleviate the challenges faced within our principal town centres. Blackwood and Caerphilly Town Centres have worked towards Dementia Friendly status; the aim is to extend the scheme into other towns.
- Dementia awareness training has been rolled out to key local authority staff using the Dementia Friends framework provided by the Alzheimer’s Society.
- Dementia Friends training was offered to all Council Members in November 2016.

Enabling people with dementia to live well is reliant on everyone within local communities understanding what dementia is and what it means for people who have it - it is about people with dementia having both formal and informal support that enables them to continue to live life to the full. It is fair to say that if, as an individual, you do not currently know someone with dementia, over the course of the next couple of years you will undoubtedly know someone living with dementia.

4.4 Dementia Friends is an Alzheimer’s Society initiative: about giving more people an understanding of dementia and the know-how to help people with dementia feel understood and included in their community. Often it is the small things that make a big difference; it greatly assists people with dementia if those around them know what dementia is and how it impacts on their life.

A Dementia Friend learns a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action within their community - anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend.

People in Dementia Friendly Organisations aim to understand the needs of people with dementia respond to them appropriately wherever they meet a person with dementia and promote awareness as part of their daily role if necessary.

## **5. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

- 5.1 The proportion of residents living with dementia will increase as life expectancy rates increase in line with projections. Understanding the needs of people with dementia, and those that support them in the community, improves well-being. More people will suffer from dementia in the future and it is important that public services and communities are responsive to this need.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 This work proactively supports our duties under the Equality Act 2010 including supporting carers, age equality and people with disabilities.
- 6.2 The Council's Equalities and Welsh Language Objectives and Action Plan 2016-2020 has a specific equality objective which further demonstrates the council's support – Equality Objective 7 – Supporting Age-Friendly Communities.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 No financial implications have been identified other than a commitment of time; the training proposed is provided by the Alzheimer's Society and is free.

## **8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Initial attendance at Dementia Friends training is a one hour commitment.

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no consultations responses that have not been included in the body of this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 3.1 of the report and support the request that the Council becomes a Dementia Friendly Council, appoint a Dementia Friendly Champion for the borough of Caerphilly and encourages all Members to undertake Dementia Friends training.

## **11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 To demonstrate the commitment that Council has to supporting those living with dementia, their families and carers.

## **12. STATUTORY POWER**

- 12.1 Equality Act 2010  
Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014  
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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