



COUNCIL – 19TH NOVEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE PREVENTION OF YOUNG CARDIAC DEATH

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 C. Cuss and supported by Councillors J. Bevan and D. Harse.
- 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 C. Cuss requests in his Notice of Motion that Council:-

- (i) write to Welsh Government and ask that they support a National Strategy for the Prevention of Young Sudden Cardiac Death and look at the possibility of providing a free cardiac screening programme for our young people, starting with mandatory

screening for any young person taking part in competitive sport in Wales.

- (ii) pledge to support a National Strategy for the Prevention of Young Sudden Cardiac Death to help save the lives of the 12 apparently fit and healthy young people who die every week in the UK of undiagnosed cardiac conditions by writing to UK Parliament and urging Members of Parliament to support the campaign mypledge@c-r-y.org.uk:

6.2 The following information is provided by the Member in support of his notice of motion.

Reasons for the Motion

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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

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We the undersigned elected members ask that this Council: -

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