

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

9 SEPTEMBER 2014

16 COUNCIL REFERRAL - NOTICE OF MOTION 'BECOMING A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COUNCIL'

The Chair advised that at the meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2014 (minute 17 refers), the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor T Anderson and seconded by Councillor T Smith was referred by the Mayor to this Committee for consideration.

In accordance with Standing Order 7 (6), Councillor Anderson had been invited to attend the meeting in order for him to be given an opportunity to explain the Motion. In accordance with Standing Order 7 (5), any recommendation from the Committee in relation to the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Council. Any debate at Council should take place upon the recommendation of the Committee and there should be no separate debate upon the motion itself.

Councillor Anderson asked the Committee to support the Motion for this Authority to become a “dementia friendly” Council and offers its support to the Alzheimer’s Society.

Members gave their full support to the Motion and indicated that it was vital that all officers and Members undertake the appropriate training to enable them share best practices.

BECOMING A ‘DEMENTIA FRIENDLY’ COUNCIL

Council:

1. Recognises that dementia is becoming a serious issue in society and is alarmed that one in three people over 65 will be diagnosed with dementia.
2. Applauds the great work that the Alzheimer’s Society is doing in aiming to get 1 million people trained as a ‘Dementia Friend’ by the end of the year.
3. Notes Dementia Friends is a national programme that takes a maximum of 1 hour educating people on dementia and its effects.

Council believes that this is a worthy programme and the Council can play its part.

Therefore Council requests the Chief Executive to:

- a. Encourage Council staff to become Dementia Friends (and to undertake relevant training as soon as practicably possible).
- b. Write to the Alzheimer’s Society requesting advice on how best to assist them in rolling out training across Wirral.
- c. Allow for Council property, where suitable, feasible and within reason, to be used free of charge by those delivering Dementia Friends Training.
- d. Encourage all Elected Members to become a ‘Dementia Friend’.

- e. Invite key Council staff members to become 'Dementia Friend Champions' thereby enabling the roll out of Dementia Friends Training referred to.

The Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Council be advised that the Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee fully supports the Notice of Motion in relation to Becoming a Dementia Friendly Council; and**
- (2) the Chief Executive be requested to implement a training programme for all staff and elected members.**