

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SCRUTINY PANEL 3 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN

Wednesday, 14 June 2017

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Cathrine Russell (Chair); Councillor Sally Beardsworth (Deputy Chair), Councillors Elizabeth Gowen, Dennis Meredith and Brian Sargeant

Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed Councillors and Officers to the inaugural meeting of Scrutiny Panel 3 – Dementia Friendly Town.

2. APOLOGIES

There were none.

3. DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Sally Beardsworth is elected Deputy Chair of Scrutiny Panel 3 – Dementia Friendly Town.

It was AGREED:

That Councillor Sally Beardsworth is the Deputy Chair of Scrutiny Panel 3 – Dementia Friendly Town.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESS

There were none.

6. SCOPE OF THE REVIEW

The Scrutiny Panel considered the draft scope of the Review that was proposed by the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel. Councillors made further suggestions and updates.

AGREED: That the scope of Scrutiny Panel 3 – Dementia Friendly Town is agreed and presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 26 June 2017 for approval.

The meeting concluded at 18:42pm



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY PANEL 3 - DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN

1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review

- To investigate the town of Northampton can become a Dementia Friendly Town.

Key Lines of Enquiry

- To gain an understanding of what Dementia is, and its symptoms
- To gain an understanding of the Dementia Friendly Communities Programme, Dementia Friendly Communities Recognition Process, the BSI Code of Practice for Dementia Friendly Communities (and the foundation criteria),
- To gain an understanding of the Dementia Friends Programme and Dementia Friends Champion
- To gain an understanding of the effect on the health, wellbeing and the safety of people with dementia and their carers/families
- To gain an understanding of current and potential partnership working
- To gain an understanding of the causes and barriers to supporting people with Dementia
- Identify any specific groups that are not accessing services

2. Outcomes Required

- To make recommendations for Northampton becoming a Dementia Friendly Town

3. Information Required

- Background data
- Background reports
- Best practice data
- Desktop research
- Evidence from expert internal witnesses

- Evidence from expert external witnesses
- Site visits (if applicable)

4. Format of Information

- Background data, including:
 - Presentation to set the scene: Being Dementia Friendly, Dementia Friends Programme, Dementia Friends Champion, BSI Code of Practice for Dementia Friendly Communities, Foundation Criteria
 - Relevant national and local background research papers
 - Definitions – Dementia
 - Relevant Legislation including:
 - The Care Act 2014
 - Mental Capacity Act 2005
 - Human Rights Act 1998
 - Mental Health Act 1983
 - Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (2009)
 - Statistics: including:
 - Number of people with Dementia in the UK and projected statistics
 - Deaths per year attributable to Dementia
 - Financial cost of Dementia to the UK
 - Diagnosis Statistics
 - Financial cost to health/cost of support
 - Relevant published papers, including
 - Alzheimer’s Society Dementia Report 2014
 - Alzheimer Society: Building Dementia Friendly Communities – A priority for everyone
 - Alzheimer’s Research UK – Dementia in the Family; The impact on Carers
- Best practice external to Northampton
- Internal expert advisors:
 - Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Safety, NBC
 - Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing, NBC
 - Head of Housing and Wellbeing, NBC
- External expert advisors:

- Head of Protecting Vulnerable Persons, Northamptonshire Police and the Community Safety Partnership
 - Dementia Support Group
 - Alzheimer's Society – Northamptonshire
 - Alzheimer's Society – Northamptonshire Care Services
 - Age UK
 - Director of Public Health, Northamptonshire County Council
 - Professor in Applied Mental Health (Dementia Specialist), University of Northampton
 - Cabinet Member, (Adult, Social Care), NCC
 - Director, Adult, Social Care, NCC
 - Carers' Associations
 - Cabinet Member for Education, NCC
 - Director, HealthWatch
 - Transport providers, bus companies, taxis and access to train station
 - Director, Olympus Care
 - Representatives from Private Care Homes
 - Director, Highways, NCC
 - Managing Director, Business Improvement District (BID)
 - Faith Forum, Bangladeshi Society, Sikh Group etc.
 - Northampton Health Trust
 - Dementia Team, Northampton General Hospital
 - Case Studies from Ward Councillors
- Site visit - Best practice – Dementia Friendly Towns

5. Methods Used to Gather Information

- Minutes of meetings
- Desktop research
- Site visits
- Officer reports
- Presentations
- Examples of best practice
- Witness Evidence:-
 - Key witnesses as detailed in section 4 of this scope

6. Co-Options to the Review

- A representative from the Carers' Association is approached to be a co opted member of this Scrutiny review
- A representative from Community Mental Health is approached to be a co opted member of this Scrutiny review

7. Community Impact Screening Assessment

- A Community Impact Screening Assessment to be undertaken on the scope of the Review

8. Evidence gathering Timetable

June 2017 – March 2018

- 14 June 2016 - Scoping meeting
- 20 July - Evidence gathering
- 21 September - Evidence gathering
- 27 November - Evidence gathering
- 25 January 2018 - Evidence gathering
- 26 March - Approval final report

Various site visits will be programmed during this period, if required.

Meetings to commence at 6.00 pm

9. Responsible Officers

Lead Officer Marion Goodman, Head of Customer and Cultural Services

Co-ordinator Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

10. Resources and Budgets

Marion, Head of Customer and Cultural Services, to provide internal advice.

11. Final report presented by:

Completed by March 2018. Presented by the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet.

12. Monitoring procedure:

Review the impact of the report after six months (approximately November/December 2018)