

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SCRUTINY PANEL 3 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN

Thursday, 20 July 2017

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Sally Beardsworth (Deputy Chair – In the Chair)

CO-OPTED MEMBER: Gwyn Roberts, Deputy CEO, Northamptonshire Carers

OFFICERS Louise Musson, Call Care Manager (Agenda Item – 5)
Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cathrine Russell (Chair). Councillor Sally Beardsworth (Deputy Chair) was in the Chair for the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Gwyn Roberts, Deputy CEO, Northamptonshire Carers to the Panel and advised how pleased she was to have him on this Review.

2. DEPUTATIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

5. PRESENTATION TO SET THE SCENE

The Scrutiny Panel received a comprehensive presentation that set the scene. The salient points were highlighted.

The Panel made comment, asked questions and heard:

- It would be useful for Councillors to collect anonymised case studies of people they are aware of who have dementia and also provide anonymised case studies from carers of people with dementia. The Chair would contact all members of the Panel in this respect.
- Communities where young and older people mix work very well. It was suggested that a potential recommendation for the final report could be the introduction of a

Dementia and Alzheimer's Forum. The Forum could introduce, for example, dog walkers, to each other.

The Chair advised that she would be very interested to attend a seminar in Birmingham on 5 December regarding issues around dementia. Her attendance was supported by the Panel and a report would be given to a future meeting of the findings from this Seminar. The Scrutiny Officer undertook to liaise with Councillor Russell, Chair, regarding Councillor Beardsworth's attendance at the Seminar.

AGREED: That the information provided informs the evidence base of this Scrutiny Review.

6. CORE QUESTIONS

The Scrutiny Panel considered the draft core questions, making suggestions for improvement.

AGREED: That the core questions, as attached, are approved and sent to the expert providers to provide responses.

7. COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Community Impact Assessment for this Review was approved and would be published on the Overview and Scrutiny WebPage.

The meeting concluded at 6:50pm

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY



SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN

CORE QUESTIONS – EXPERT ADVISORS

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a review: Dementia Friendly Town that is investigating the town of Northampton can become a Dementia Friendly Town. The projected outcome is to make recommendations for Northampton becoming a Dementia Friendly Town

CORE QUESTIONS:

A series of key questions have been put together to inform the evidence base of the Scrutiny Panel:

1. Are you aware of what Dementia is, and its symptoms, please provide details?
2. Are you aware of the effect on the health, wellbeing and the safety of people with dementia and their carers/families, if so, please provide details?
3. Please can you supply details of the current and potential partnership working regarding supporting people with dementia.
4. Are you aware of any specific groups that are not accessing services, please provide details.
5. In your opinion please provide information of the benefits of Northampton becoming a Dementia Friendly Town.
6. Do you have any other information you are able to provide in relation to a Dementia Friendly Town?