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**NORTHAMPTON**
BOROUGH COUNCIL**CABINET REPORT**

Report Title	Cabinet's Response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Dementia Friendly Town
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Cabinet Meeting Date:	17 th October 2018
Key Decision:	No
Within Policy:	Yes
Policy Document:	No
Directorate:	Customer and Communities
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Cllr Anna King
Ward(s)	Borough Wide

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee's pre-decision scrutiny report on Northampton being recognised as a Dementia Friendly Town

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet gives careful consideration to the Overview and Scrutiny recommendations detailed below:-

- 2.1 Northampton Borough Council works towards "Dementia Friendly Status for Northampton" being achieved. A Dementia Friends Champion is nominated to lead on this work.
- 2.2 A Dementia Forum is established. Northampton Interfaith Forum (NIFF) is invited to join the Forum.

- 2.3 Northampton Borough Council registers with the Alzheimer's Society as part of the Dementia Friendly Recognition Scheme.
- 2.4 Dementia Friends information and training is included in both Councillor and staff inductions.
- 2.5 A Councillor Champion for older people, focussing on dementia is appointed.
- 2.6 The Dementia Friends Champion liaises with the local churches in Northampton to ascertain what Groups are currently available and whether further Groups such as Care and Share could be introduced.
- 2.7 The Dementia Friends Champion has dialogue with the Transport Manager of UNO (which is a university bus that everyone can use) the Head of Vulnerable Persons, Northants Police, regarding training for drivers of UNO around raising awareness of those living with dementia.
- 2.8 The Dementia Friends Champion works with the Assistant Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Carers, regarding the introduction of ID cards for carers when travelling with someone living with dementia.
- 2.9 Thanks Overview and Scrutiny Committee for its detailed and robust report.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 The purpose of the Scrutiny Panel was to investigate if the town of Northampton can become a Dementia Friendly Town.
- 3.1.2 A report was presented to Cabinet on 13th June 2018 to notify it of the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Panel.
- 3.1.3 The Scrutiny Panel decided that the following needed to be investigated and linked to the realisation of the Council's corporate priorities.

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
- Statistical information
- Relevant published papers
- Best practice external to Northampton
- Local Stakeholders and professionals

- Internal expert advisors:
 - Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Safety, NBC
 - Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing, NBC
 - Head of Housing and Wellbeing, NBC

3.2 Choices (Options)

- 3.2.2 Cabinet may choose to agree to any or all of Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations in full or part.
- 3.2.3 Overview and Scrutiny committee have provided Cabinet with a robust and detailed report to support its recommendations.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

- 4.1.1 There are no policy implications directly arising from this report.

4.2 Resources and Risk

- 4.2.1 Whilst there is no cost involved, the work will require officer's time to be taken into consideration.

4.3 Legal

- 4.3.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report

4.4 Equality and Health

- 4.4.1 Equality and health implications will be taken full account of in the development of the proposed recommendation.
- 4.4.2 There will be an equalities impact assessment undertaken as an integral part of the process.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

- 4.5.1 A range of stakeholders were consulted with as part of the overview and scrutiny review.

4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

- 4.6.1 The proposal is for Northampton to become a Dementia Friendly Town.
- 4.6.2 This is in line with the Councils priorities, Love Northampton, Safer Communities, Housing for everyone and working hard and spending your money wisely.

5. Background Papers

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Scrutiny Report – Dementia Friendly Town,
April 2018.

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