

# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 101**

**Subject: Dementia Friendly Community**

**Date of meeting: 7 April 2022**

**Proposer: Councillor Moonan**

**Seconder: Councillor Fowler**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP**

This Council notes:

- There are over 1800 people diagnosed with dementia living in Brighton & Hove, which will rise very significantly
- Diagnostic rates for dementia have dropped in the city
- Parliamentary report on dementia 2021<sup>1</sup> concluded the “care system is a bureaucratic maze that patient and carers are expected to navigate at their most vulnerable” and “much progress is still needed” in dementia care.
- The Government has committed to produce a stand-alone dementia strategy this year.

This Council commends the work being done locally to support those with dementia including but not limited to:

- Identifying funding to appoint a 2-year Dementia Friendly Public Health Specialist
- Committing to the Alzheimer’s Society Dementia Friendly Communities initiative
- Launching Dementia Friendly training sessions across the council and with partners
- Working with transport providers on dementia awareness

Council also believes we can do more, therefore requests a report be taken to the relevant committee outlining current progress and further steps that can be taken, including but not limited to:

- 1) Continued funding for the Public Health Dementia Friendly project beyond 2 years
- 2) Prioritising work with the NHS to improve diagnostic rates
- 3) Extending the dementia friendly awareness sessions by making them mandatory for customer-facing roles
- 4) Dementia Friendly environmental checks being carried out in all public buildings and open spaces
- 5) Further involvement of local dementia groups
- 6) Appointment of Dementia Champions from each directorate senior team and among councillors.

**Supporting Information:**

[Supporting those with dementia and their carers \(parliament.uk\)](https://www.parliament.uk/resources/reports/supporting-those-with-dementia-and-their-carers)

<https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/dementia-friendly-communi-8f1.pdf>

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/our-campaigns>

<https://impact-initiatives.org.uk/2020/11/27/people-affected-by-dementia-in-brighton-hove-offered-new-support/#:~:text=There%20are%20over%201800%20people,people%20unknowingly%20living%20with%20dementia>