

Agenda Item No: 15



**Notice of Motion for consideration by Council at the Meeting of the Council on
Thursday, 23 February 2017**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Councillor Murray has submitted the following Notice of Motion for consideration by the Council (NB Please see the website version of this Council Agenda on the Council's website in order to view the "[National Dementia Declaration for England](#)" and the "[Action Plan](#)" which are referred to below):

“NATIONAL DEMENTIA DECLARATION”

Lewes District Council is already providing some funding towards initiatives to help make our district more dementia friendly. It also has a continuing programme of providing training to enable staff and councillors to become dementia friends. A Lewes & District Dementia Action Alliance has recently formed with the support of Lewes Town Council with the aims of increasing awareness of and understanding and support for all those in our community affected by dementia.

It is therefore proposed that LDC declares itself a dementia friendly organisation by signing up to the National Dementia Declaration and adds its name to the list of supporters on the web page of the Lewes Dementia Action Alliance.”

Notes

To join, the council would need to sign up to the [National Dementia Declaration for England](#) and submit an [Action Plan](#) setting out how it will deliver the outcomes described in the Declaration.

The National Dementia Declaration lists seven outcomes that all businesses, charities and public bodies can collectively work towards to improve the lives people with dementia and their carers. These are:

1. I have personal choice and control or influence over decisions about me
2. I know that services are designed around me and my needs
3. I have support that helps me live my life
4. I have the knowledge and know-how to get what I need
5. I live in an enabling and supportive environment where I feel valued and understood
6. I have a sense of belonging and of being a valued part of family, community and civic life
7. I know there is research going on which delivers a better life for me now and hope for the future

By signing up to Declaration you are publicly stating that people can live well with dementia and that all of the society has a responsibility for ensuring that it happens. What do organisations signing up to the National Dementia Declaration commit to?

Each organisation is committed to the following principles:

1. Ensuring that the work they do is planned and informed by the views of people with dementia and their carers and showing evidence for this
2. Being an ambassador for the National Dementia Declaration and securing commitment from partners for the second phase of the Declaration
3. Reporting publicly on their progress against the plan they have set out to support delivery of the National Dementia Declaration
4. Working in partnership with other organisations to share knowledge about best practice in dementia
5. Improving understanding about dementia.