
INVESTIGATION INTO DEMENTIA TASK GROUP – COVERING REPORT

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Nyear Nazir - Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Regulatory Services
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Judith Willis - Head of Community and Housing Services
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Wards Affected	N/A
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	Living independent, active & healthy lives
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is asked to RESOLVE that:-

- 1) Officers work with local agencies including the Older People's Forum, Age UK to hold a Dementia Awareness Event in the Town Hall and promote the event on the Council's website; and**
- 2) Officers undertake a refresh of the Older People Services Booklet which is currently available on the Redditch Borough Council website and include a specific section regarding Dementia Services available in the Borough; and**
- 3) Dementia Training be provided to all Elected Members in order for them to better understand the changing needs of the residents in the Borough.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 During a meeting attended by the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2019, several potential Task Group items were identified and presented for Members' consideration at a meeting of the Committee in June 2020.

- 2.2 At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in July 2020, Councillor Michael Chalk presented a Topic Proposal Scoping Document which set out proposals to look at Dementia in the Borough.
- 2.3 The objectives of the Task Group included looking at existing support services available to those living with Dementia and their families in the Borough.
- 2.4 It was agreed at this meeting that a review be launched, and the first meeting was scheduled in early September 2020.
- 2.5 Councillor Michael Chalk was appointed to Chair the review, with Councillors Joanne Beecham and Jennifer Wheeler also being appointed to this group. John Fisher was also appointed to the group however he stepped down as Ward Councillor at the Local Elections held in May 2021.
- 2.6 Over the course of 12 months the group gathered evidence from a variety of sources including Council officers, elected Members and external partner organisations. The recommendations detailed in the group's final report are based on the evidence that was gathered.
- 2.7 During the period the review was being undertaken there were delays experienced due to Covid-19 and the associated lockdown. This did impact on the availability of some representatives from some partner organisations.
- 2.8 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive the group's report at a meeting on 2nd September 2021. At the time of writing the Committee's response to the group's findings remain to be confirmed.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 All the financial implications arising from the group's recommendations are detailed in the final report.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All the legal implications arising from the group's recommendations are detailed in the final report.

5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 5.1 The issues detailed in this report help to ensure that residents of the Borough relate to the Council's Strategic Purpose of Living independent, active & healthy lives.

Climate Change Implications

- 5.2 No specific Climate Change implications have been identified.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.1 No specific Equalities and Diversity implications have been identified.

Operational Implications

- 6.2 The group has proposed recommendations that would have an impact on officer time and would be dependent on capacity of the relevant officers as to when they could be carried out. Also, given the impact of Covid-19 some of the recommendations may have to be delayed due dependent on national guidelines.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 No specific risks have been identified.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – Investigation into Dementia Task Group's final report and appendices.

Executive Committee
2021

7th September

9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Nyear Nazir - Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Regulatory Services	
Lead Director / Head of Service	Kevin, Dicks, Sue Hanley, James Howse and Judith Willis	4/08/2021
Financial Services	Chris Forrester	4/08/2021
Legal Services	Clare Flanagan	4/08/2021
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	N/A	
Climate Change Officer (if climate change implications apply)	N/A	