

Brighton & Hove City Council

Adult Social Care & Public Health Sub-Committee

Agenda Item 7(b)

Subject: **Dementia Friendly Community**
Notice of Motion referred from Council on the 7 April 2022

Date of meeting: 14 June 2022

Ward(s) affected: All

For general release

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following Notice of Motion which was debated at and referred from the full Council meeting held on the 7 April 2022.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Sub-Committee note and undertake the actions agreed in the Notice of Motion.

3 CONTEXT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 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 2021¹ 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.

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Supporting Information:

[Supporting those with dementia and their carers \(parliament.uk\)](#)

<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>

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

6.30pm 7 APRIL 2022

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Robins (Chair), Allcock, Appich, Atkinson, Bagaeen, Barnett, Brown, Clare, Davis, Druitt, Evans, Fishleigh, Gibson, Heley, Henry, Hugh-Jones, Janio, Lewry, Lloyd, Meadows, Mac Cafferty, McNair, Moonan, Nemeth, O'Quinn, Osborne, Peltzer Dunn, Powell, Shanks, Simson, C Theobald, Wilkinson and Williams

PART ONE

101 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

- 101.1 The Notice of Motion as listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Moonan on behalf of the Labour Group and formally seconded by Councillor Henry.
- 101.2 Councillor Shanks spoke in favour of the motion.
- 101.3 Councillor Bagaeen spoke in favour of the motion.
- 101.4 The Mayor then put the following motion to the vote:

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101.5 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been carried unanimously.