
SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SOUTHAMPTON
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

Present: Councillors Coombs, Houghton, Lewzey, Lloyd, Mintoff and Parnell

Apologies: Councillors Burke, McEwing and Painton

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Councillor Coombs be elected as Chair for the Municipal Year 2015/16; and
- (ii) Councillor Lewzey be elected as Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

2. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Committee noted the apologies of Councillor Painton. It was also noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillors Burke and McEwing from the Panel, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillors Lloyd and Mintoff to replace them for the purposes of this meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF SCRUTINY INTEREST**

Councillor Lewzey declared that he was appointed by the Council to the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust.

4. **INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Panel considered the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services setting out the terms of reference and the project plan for the Inquiry.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the terms of reference as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted; and
- (ii) that the outline inquiry project plan as set out in the terms of reference be approved.

5. **INTRODUCTION TO THE INQUIRY**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Quality and Integration setting out the introduction to the review on making Southampton a Dementia Friendly City.

RESOLVED that the following comments, from the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, an independent expert from the Alzheimer's Society, Andover Mind and Southampton City Integrated Commissioning Unit be noted and used as evidence in the review:

Councillor Shields – Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care

Councillor Shields welcomed the Inquiry stating that this was a good chance to find out what is going on across the City and to position Southampton as a leading dementia

friendly City in Europe. Key challenges in the City include appropriate mix of housing to support people to live independently, making our town and district centres dementia friendly, equipping public sector staff, understanding the leadership required from the City Council.

Penny Ford – Dementia Action Alliances Projects Manager, Alzheimer’s Society

Powerpoint presentation giving a broad overview of how a wide range of organisations working together can become dementia friendly, through awareness raising, reviewing current practices and adapting to meet the needs of people living with dementia, by giving examples of best practise from across the country. Presentation published as background documents for Members.

Debbie Moreshead (Andover Mind) – Project Lead, Dementia Friendly Hampshire

Powerpoint presentation giving details on how to create a dementia friendly community in Southampton using examples of best practise used to set up Dementia Friendly Hampshire including key objectives, results met, targets achieved, what went well, what could be improved. Presentation published as background documents for Members.

Amanda Luker – Commissioner, Southampton Integrated Commissioning Unit

It was reported:

- That a Dementia Partnership exists in Southampton.
- There was a desire to establish a Dementia Action Alliance.
- Last year, working with Age UK, a number of community support groups were provided funding for one year to pilot initiatives, including: art, seafaring, singing for the brain, walking, green care project at Down to Earth community farm.
- Some groups had been successful and had secured alternative funding. Some groups were not well attended and may not have been what people with dementia were looking for.
- Memory Cafes in the City were supported by Admiral Nurses.
- Gaps in the city identified include awareness in care homes / residential homes, busses, engagement work about what people in Southampton want.