REPORT TO: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AGENDA ITEM: 11

SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE OF 9th JUNE 2016 CATEGORY:

MEETING:

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND OPEN:

PLANNING

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SUBJECT: SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT REF:

COUNCIL DEMENTIA ACTION PLAN

WARD(S) ALL TERMS OF AFFECTED: REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members approve South Derbyshire District Council's Dementia Action Plan that will support the district to become dementia friendly.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform members about Dementia Friendly Community progress to date in South Derbyshire.
- 2.2 To approve the South Derbyshire District Council Dementia Action Plan 2016/2017.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In March members agreed that South Derbyshire District Council would act as a coordinating body for the South Derbyshire Dementia Action Alliance, thus supporting development of a Dementia Friendly Community model in South Derbyshire.
- 3.2 The alliance is a vehicle to work towards 'Dementia Friendly Community' accreditation and co-ordinates work in the locality.
- 3.3 The alliance was formally launched on the 24th Of February with over 60 people attending the event at Oakland Village. Information gathered has contributed towards the South Derbyshire Dementia Action Alliance overriding action plan.
- 3.4 Work to date in South Derbyshire has concentrated on getting the partnership infrastructure established for the Dementia Action Alliance. This has included establishing a steering group to direct and drive the work and a network group to share best practice and support organisations to sign up to the alliance. The South Derbyshire alliance web page has also been created http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/16456 south derbyshire dementia action alliance

- 3.5 The next phase of development is to agree and commit to an action plan specific to South Derbyshire District Council. This will enable the District Council to become an alliance member in its own right and support South Derbyshire to become dementia friendly. The District Council will provide a significant contribution locally.
- 3.6 The draft action plan is attached as appendix 1. Four main aims have been identified. These are:
 - Make South Derbyshire District Council dementia friendly
 - Develop a housing offer that supports residents with dementia and their carers
 - Provide information and advice about local dementia friendly services to South Derbyshire residents
 - Support the South Derbyshire Dementia Action Alliance
- 3.7 Each aim has a number of objectives. These are outlined fully in appendix 1. Key objectives include:-
 - Training in house Dementia Friend Champions to deliver Dementia Friend information sessions to front line staff, service managers and elected members.
 - Considering the needs of people living with dementia and their carers within future housing strategy.
 - Developing Dementia Friendly Community sections on both the SDDC and Healthier South Derbyshire websites.
 - Raising the profile of dementia across business sectors and encouraging organisations to sign up to becoming part of the South Derbyshire Dementia Action Alliance.
- 3.8 Local delivery in South Derbyshire will be supported by the work of the South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Group. The approach fits well with our existing Healthier South Derbyshire partnership brand.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There will be limited financial implications for the Council, however some time will need to be committed to enable staff to take part in Dementia Friend awareness sessions. Co-ordination of this will be organised by the Health Partnership Manager.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 This initiative supports the 'People' section of the Corporate Plan including the following actions:-
 - Support the community and voluntary sector to enable people to maintain living independently
 - Develop Dementia Friendly Communities

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The service proposals will have a significant impact on improving the health and wellbeing of South Derbyshire residents.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 This action plan will make a significant contribution towards South Derbyshire becoming a Dementia Friendly Community. The approach links to the Corporate Plan, individual service plans, the Community Strategy and the South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Locality Plan. It will provide an overall framework for making South Derbyshire District Council dementia friendly.

8.0 Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Draft South Derbyshire District Council Action Plan 2016/17