

## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY UPDATE REPORT

Health Liaison Board - 8 November 2017

**Report of** Chief Officer Communities & Business

**Status:** For Information

**Key Decision:** No

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**Executive Summary:** This report updates Members on this Council's involvement in the Dementia Friendly Communities Project

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**This report supports the Key Aim of** providing the right support at the right time, reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing for all

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### **Recommendation to Health Liaison Board:**

Members are asked to note the report.

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**Reason for recommendation:** Members are asked to note the report.

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### **Introduction and Background**

- 1 By 2020, 38 per cent of the population will be aged over 50 and the number of people aged 65+ diagnosed with dementia will increase by over 25%, particularly those with mild or moderate dementia. One in five people over the age of 65 will have a form of dementia.
- 2 Over 9,100 residents of Kent are recorded to have Dementia, with over 20,000 undiagnosed cases; two-thirds of these people are living in their own home. Sevenoaks is one of four districts in Kent who expect to see the greatest increase in an aging population, and therefore the greatest increase in people with Dementia.
- 3 'Living Well with Dementia: A National Dementia Strategy' was published in February 2009. In March 2012, the Prime Minister sought to boost the impact of the National Strategy by issuing a personal challenge on dementia. One aspect of that challenge was based on his view that communities and services need to be more dementia-friendly.

## **Sevenoaks District Council - Dementia Friendly Communities Project**

- 4 This Council has already taken positive steps, as part of the Districtwide Dementia Friendly Communities Project, to implement best practice and lead the way to becoming more dementia and therefore community friendly.
- 5 The more recent work of this Council to support the dementia friendly work included:
  - This Council winning most dementia friendly organisation award at the 2016 Kent Dementia Awards.
  - On 14 May, 500 participants ran, walked or pushed around Knole Park and raised £4,500 for the Sevenoaks Area Dementia Friendly Community Forum who are using this money to provide grants to local projects. Sevenoaks District Council staff played a significant role in helping to organise and make this event possible. This event was a finalist at the 2017 Kent Dementia Awards for the ‘Community and Partnership Project Award’.
  - In July, the Sevenoaks District Chairman celebrated the launch of a new Forget-me-not Café in Knole House which was the first project funded by the money raised from the Run, Walk or Push against Dementia event in May. The café now runs on the first Friday of every month and started on 1 September. It follows the success of cafes in Edenbridge, West Kingsdown, Edenbridge, Sevenoaks town and Westerham since 2015.
  - The work of the Sevenoaks District Dementia Forum, supported by this Council, won a 2017 Kent Dementia Award for the ‘most inspiring community award’.
- 6 Further information on current and future work will be presented to Members by Sevenoaks District Council’s Health Team Leader.

### **Key Implications**

#### Financial

This report is for information only and does not recommend any financial resources at this stage.

#### Non-Financial

Some Officer resources have been allocated to this project from within existing healthy living work already being undertaken by this Council.

### **Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement**

No decision is required as part of this paper and therefore no perceived impact on end users.

## **Conclusions**

Members are asked to note this report. The Council's Health Team Leader will attend the Health Liaison Board to present further information with further information about current and future work to Members.

**Appendices**                      None

**Background Papers:**      Local Government Association - Developing Dementia  
Friendly Communities: Learning and Guidance for Local  
Authorities:

[http://www.local.gov.uk/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?uuid=b6401bb0-31a8-4d57-823b-1fde6a09290e&groupId=10180](http://www.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=b6401bb0-31a8-4d57-823b-1fde6a09290e&groupId=10180)

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