

## UPDATE ON THE SEVENOAKS AREA DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES FORUM

Health Liaison Board - 9 September 2020

Report of Chief Officer People and Places

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

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**Executive Summary:** This report provides Members with an update on the work of the Sevenoaks Area Dementia Friendly Communities Forum

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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, priorities within the Community Plan

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**Recommendation to Housing and Health Advisory Committee:** That the information in the report be noted.

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### Introduction and Background

- 1 In March 2012, the Prime Minister sought to boost the impact of the National Dementia Strategy 'Living Well with Dementia' by issuing a local call for action on dementia. One aspect of the challenge was that local communities and organisations needed to do more to become dementia-friendly.
- 2 As part of this campaign, in 2014 the Kent Dementia Action Alliance was formed, bringing together Kent based organisations to work together to better meet the needs of people with dementia and their families/carers. Each local council was asked to set up community-led Dementia Friendly Forums to lead on this work locally.
- 3 This Council worked with local voluntary and community organisations and the Sevenoaks Area Dementia Friendly Communities Forum (SADFC) was formed in July 2014. SADFC works with a range of key partners and local people to develop an awareness of dementia and develop/promote dementia friendly activities and services locally across the Sevenoaks District. The Forum's aim is to support people living with dementia and their families/carers to live well and safely in Sevenoaks District.

4 The Forum has been extremely successful over the years in raising awareness of dementia and setting up new local projects and services, some of which include:

- An annual 'Run, Walk or Push against Dementia' Running events with over 500 participants per year;
- Forget-Me-Note Dementia services such as cafes, singing groups and cinema screenings;
- Dementia Friendly Business Award at the Council's Community & Voluntary Awards;
- 'Coping with Dementia' events for families and carers;

5 A representative from SADFC will update Members at the meeting on this work.

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

There are no financial implications for the Council associated to this report.

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal implications for the Council associated to this report.

### Equality Assessment

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

## **Conclusions**

For Members to note the work of the Sevenoaks Area Dementia Friendly Communities Forum, presented by a representative from the Forum.

## **Appendices**

### **Background Papers:**

None

'Living Well with Dementia: A National Dementia Strategy' can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/living-well-with-dementia-a-national-dementia-strategy>

Kent Dementia Action Alliance information can be found at:

<http://dementiafriendlykent.org.uk/>

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