



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE (MND) NOTICE OF MOTION REPORT**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' agreement on the most appropriate method to progress the Notice of Motion as presented and agreed at the Council meeting held on the 6<sup>TH</sup> March 2019 in respect of adopting the Motor Neurone Disease Association's MND Charter to help make a positive difference to the lives of people living with MND in our local community.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Scrutiny:

- 2.1 Acknowledges the Motor Neurone Disease Association's MND Charter and the difference it make to the lives of people living with MND in Rhondda Cynon Taf
- 2.2 Consider how best to Identify the practical implications and how the Council can best implement the aims of the Charter.
- 2.3 Instruct Officers to bring forward specific recommendations to progress this matter, to a future meeting of this committee.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the following Notice of Motion was considered and agreed that it would be dealt with by the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the outcomes reported to a future meeting of the Council:
- 3.2 The under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors S. Evans, M. A. Norris, L.M. Adams, D.R. Bevan, H. Boggis, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J. Brencher, A. Calvert, G Caple, A. Crimmings, A. Davies-Jones, L. De Vet, J. Elliott, A. Fox, M. Forey, M. Fidler

Jones, E. George, M. Griffiths, J Harries, G Hughes, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. Jones, R. Lewis, W. Lewis, C. Leyshon, A. Morgan, S. Morgans, D. Owen-Jones, S. Pickering, S.M. Powell, S. Rees, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, R.W. Smith, G. Stacey, M. Tegg, G. Thomas, W. Treeby, R.K. Turner, M Webber, D.H. Williams, T. Williams, C.J. Willis & R. Yeo be considered

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a fatal and rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord by attacking the nerves that control the body's movement, meaning that the disease can leave sufferers trapped in a body that is progressively unable to carry out the most basic of human functions - including an eventual failure to be able to breathe.

Around 5,000 adults from all communities and walks of life are affected at any one time in the UK, and, as there is currently no known cure for Motor Neurone Disease, it is important that those who suffer from the disease are given the care and respect they deserve. The MND Charter seeks to this by providing those suffering from the disease with a greater quality of life, dignity and respect for people with MND and their carers.

The Council resolved to adopt the Motor Neurone Disease Association's MND Charter to help make a positive difference to the lives of people living with MND in our local community.

As part of this, the Council will ask the relevant Scrutiny Committee (Health and Wellbeing) to consider the most effective means of understanding the MND Charter and consider the practical implications of how the Council can best implement the aims the aims of the Charter.

- 3.2 In order to advance the matter as expeditiously as possible it is proposed that an overview of the Motor Neurone Disease Association's MND Charter is presented to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in the first instance.
- 3.3 It is considered that the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will assess this information and identify the most practical way to adopt the aims of the Charter and aim to make a positive difference for those within MND across the County Borough.

#### **4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Equality and diversity implications will be considered as part of the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations and any subsequent implementation arrangements

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 There are no consultation implications arising, as yet, from this report.

## **6. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial and resource implications will be considered as part of the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations and any subsequent implementation arrangements

## **7. CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 The information presented to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee seeks to propose appropriate arrangements by utilising previous good practice in order to develop a policy proposal that was presented and agreed through a Notice of Motion. It is important that this report also seeks to ensure that there is sufficient opportunity for any future recommendations made by the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to be implemented.