

MOTION ON NOTICE

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Adoption of Motor Neurone Disease Charter

This Council Notes that -

Many Council services affect people with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and their carers; in particular housing adaptations through Disabled Facility Grants, Housing Benefits and Council Tax reductions. Other services may include waste and recycling, electoral registration and environmental health.

Delivery of these services is already highly geared to recognising the differing needs of our residents but the MND Association has produced a Charter that aims to make sure that everyone understands and respects the rights of people with MND and their carers so they are given the very best opportunity to access the support they need to live the highest quality of life possible, and achieve dignity in death.

The Charter has helped raise awareness of MND and 33,630 individuals and organisations have signed up to the Charter. The full text of the Charter can be found at <http://www.mndcharter.org/the-mnd-charter/>

MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. It can leave people locked in a failing body, unable to move, talk, and eventually breathe. A person's lifetime risk of developing MND is up to one in 300. It kills around 30% of people within 12 months of diagnosis, more than 50% within two years. It affects people from all communities and it has no cure.

Therefore, it is important that people with MND receive a rapid response to their needs and good quality care and support, ensuring the highest quality of life as possible. The MND Charter serves as a tool to help make this happen.

If the Council can contribute to getting care right for MND it can make a positive difference to the lives of people with MND, their carers and their loved ones.

This City Council agrees to:

- a) Adopt the MND Charter
- b) Asks the Strategic Director for People to ensure that council services are delivered in accordance with this Charter.

Proposed – Councillor Ian Tuffin (Via Email)

Seconded - Councillor Mrs Lynda Bowyer Via Email)