
SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SOUTHAMPTON

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2016

Present: Councillors Burke, Coombs (Chair), Houghton, Lewzey (Vice-Chair), McEwing and Parnell

Apologies: Councillor Painton

18. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Panel noted the apologies of Councillor Painton.

19. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

20. **MEETING SIX - EASY TO NAVIGATE ENVIRONMENTS**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Quality and Integration regarding easy to navigate environments.

Following discussions with external partners the Panel concluded that:

- Due to sensory and cognitive challenges design is important to enable people with dementia to continue to be active citizens.
- New technologies are being developed to support people with dementia.
- The Council's new Street and Spaces Framework incorporates the principles of design for people with dementia within the principles for good place making within the public realm.
- Opportunities exist to consult people with dementia in the development of the Local Plan.
- Opportunity for University of Southampton 'dementia experts' to give feedback on the Streets and Spaces framework to ensure it reflects the specific needs of people with dementia.
- Consideration should be given to implementing a community toilet scheme in Southampton.
- Positive developments at West Quay for people with dementia. Opportunities exist to work with Hammerson to support local dementia awareness initiatives and to engage with the Council and CCG on events marking Dementia Awareness Week, including the New Arts Centre.

RESOLVED that the comments made by Dr Ruth Bartlett, Associate Professor in Ageing and Social Research, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southampton, Darren Shorter, City Design Group Leader, Southampton City Council and Jonathan Brookes, Community Manager, Hammerson be noted and used as evidence in the review.