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## **OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING A CARER FRIENDLY COUNCIL**

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### **1. PURPOSE**

1.1. Further to the Meeting of Council on 17 July 2013 that members of this Committee consider a public commitment to carers as attached at appendix A.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1. That Members consider the Council's draft commitment to carers and recommend acceptance and or any amendments in advance of its submission to the Executive.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

3.1. At the meeting of Council on the 17 July 2013 the main debate was titled "Stevenage – A town that cares. Our commitment to being a carer friendly Council".

3.2. It was resolved that:

This Council is aware of the vital role carers play in Stevenage by providing selfless support for family and friends, filling the gap not served by our health and social care system.

In acknowledgement and subject to consideration by the Community Select Committee and approval by Executive, this Council agrees to make a public commitment to carers, along the lines of the attached draft (at appendix A), which states what we can offer to Carers, both through our services and as an employer. This will enable Carers to know what we will do to support their invaluable contribution to the town.

Through this commitment, the Council pledges to ensure Carers are recognised as important people in our local community.

## **4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS**

- 4.1. Members of this Committee are requested to consider the contents of the draft commitment and should they wish, make amendments or seek further information to any part thereof.
- 4.2. That through Members consideration should they be minded to make any amendments that this is communicated to the Scrutiny Officer in advance of the next meeting of the Committee on the 6 November 2013.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS**

### **5.1. Financial Implications**

- 5.1.1. There are no direct financial implications contained within the report.

### **5.2. Legal Implications**

- 5.2.1. There are no legal implications contained within the report.

### **5.3. Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 5.3.1. The purpose of this report and appendix is to ascertain whether or not there are any adverse equality issues that the Council's commitment to carers seeks to address.

## **6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 17 July 2013

## **7. APPENDICES**

- Appendix A      Draft - Our Commitment to Carers