

# Gloucester City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Adoption of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Charter</b>		
<b>Report Of:</b>	<b>Managing Director</b>		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Budget/Policy Framework:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Jon McGinty</b>		
<b>Appendix:</b>	<b>MND Charter</b>		

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To agree to adopt the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Charter.

## **2.0 Decision**

2.1 That Gloucester City Council adopts the MND Charter.

## **3.0 Background and Key Issues**

3.1 The MND Charter, attached at the appendix is a statement of the respect, care and support that people living with motor neurone disease (MND) and their carers deserve and should expect.

3.2. The five points of the Charter are:

- the right to an early diagnosis and information;
- the right to access quality care and treatments;
- the right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect;
- the right to maximise their quality of life; and
- carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

3.3. While the Council is not directly responsible for many of the commitments outlined in the MND Charter, by adopting it the Council would show support to those people within the City who are living with MND.

3.4 By adopting the MND Charter, this Council would be agreeing to promote the Charter and to make it available to all councillors, council staff and partner organisations who deliver services for the council.

3.5 As Gloucester City Council, we would raise awareness of MND and what good care for those living with this devastating disease looks like, as stated in the Charter, and we will do everything we can as the Council to positively influence the quality of life for local people with MND and their carers living in our community.

3.6 Adoption would also mean supporting publicity and developing links with the Motor Neurone Disease Association who would provide resources and advice.

3.7 Gloucestershire's Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to endorse the charter at its meeting on 17 January 2017. The Charter has also been adopted by Stroud District Council among others.

#### **4.0 Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Considerations**

4.1 The Charter is not necessarily a list of services, medicines and provisions that should be delivered by public agencies to those living with MND; it is also a statement that will enable those living with MND, and their carers, to take greater control of their own lives.

4.2 Ensuring that awareness is raised so that those living with MND get the right care, at the right time, is as much a matter for their communities as it is for health and care professionals. To this end, the Council can work to promote awareness of the disease, and its impacts, through its extensive contacts in all communities across the City.

#### **5.0 Alternative Options Considered**

5.1 The Council could choose not to adopt the Charter. Doing so would not benefit those people living within the City who are living with MND or caring for those living with the condition, so this is not recommended.

#### **6.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

6.1 To positively influence the quality of life for local people with MND and their carers living in our community.

#### **7.0 Future Work and Conclusions**

7.1 If adopted, the Council will liaise with local contacts in the Motor Neurone Disease Association to discuss proactive publicity around its adoption, and will work with partner agencies and groups to raise awareness of the Charter.

#### **8.0 Financial Implications**

8.1 Adoption of the Charter and subsequent promotion can be delivered within existing resources.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

#### **9.0 Legal Implications**

9.1 None.

(One Legal have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

#### **10.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications**

10.1 None.

## **11.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):**

11.1 The PIA Screening Stage was completed and did not identify any potential or actual negative impact, therefore a full PIA was not required.

**Background Documents:** None