



## **COUNCIL MOTION FORM**

### **Motion A:**

Title of Motion: **Making the Cotswolds a Dementia Friendly District**

Proposer: Councillor Mark Harris

Seconder: Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

That Cotswold District Council commits to championing the development of Dementia Friendly towns and communities across the Cotswold District, working in partnership with town and parish councils, community organisations, businesses, and relevant public sector partners.

This commitment aligns with the Council's Corporate Plan objectives relating to supporting healthy, inclusive communities, reducing inequality, and enabling residents to live well and independently for longer.

#### **Supporting Note (for information)**

Dementia affects a growing number of residents across the Cotswolds, with significant impacts on individuals, families, carers, and local communities. Creating Dementia Friendly Communities helps ensure that people living with dementia are understood, respected, and supported, enabling them to remain active and independent members of society for as long as possible.

Cotswold District Council's Corporate Plan places strong emphasis on:

- Health and wellbeing
- Stronger, more inclusive communities
- Reducing isolation and inequality
- Working in partnership to deliver outcomes

Championing Dementia Friendly Communities directly supports these aims, while recognising that leadership at district level can help:

- coordinate and amplify good practice,
- support town and parish councils already active in this area,
- engage businesses, voluntary groups, and public services, and
- ensure a consistent, joined-up approach across the District.

The Local Government Association and Alzheimer's Society both encourage councils to play a convening and enabling role, rather than delivering services directly, making this initiative well suited to the District Council's strategic role.

That Full Council resolves to:

1. Endorse the principle of promoting Dementia Friendly Communities across the District, consistent with nationally recognised good practice.



2. Request that Cabinet refer this initiative to the appropriate Committee or service area to identify how the Council can:
  - provide leadership,
  - coordinate partners, and
  - support town and parish councils wishing to pursue Dementia Friendly status.
3. Ask officers to explore the relevant guidance and support available through the Local Government Association and the Alzheimer's Society, including any existing frameworks, toolkits, or case studies.
4. Request a short report to Council within six months outlining:
  - potential actions the District Council could take within existing resources,
  - opportunities for partnership working, and
  - suggested next steps for supporting communities across the District.

Council Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

**NOTES:**

1. Motions must be submitted to [Democratic.Services@Cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:Democratic.Services@Cotswold.gov.uk) not later than 7 working days prior to the date of the meeting.
2. Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility, or which affect the Cotswold District.
3. Council cannot instruct the Leader but can makes requests of the Leader.

Council motions cannot commit resources or expenditure. Any request for resources would need to be referred to Cabinet for consideration