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Via email

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Annwyl/ Dear Susan and Suzanne,

### **CARDIFF & VALE DRAFT DEMENTIA STRATEGY 2017-17 CONSULTATION**

Thank you for attending the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee on the 6 September 2017 and giving Members the opportunity to contribute to the consultation on the draft Strategy.

The Committee welcomed the draft Strategy document, and commends that the Strategy document is ambitious and far-reaching. Members were particularly pleased that the Strategy had been developed with a wide range of partners and are supportive that there will be a single Action Plan in place that will be adopted by all partners.

Following our discussion on the presentation and subsequent Q&A, the Committee would like to make the following comments and observations:

#### **Strategic Overview**

The Committee was pleased to note that the partnership, through consultation, had developed a Vision for the Strategy. However, Members agreed that the success of delivering the ambitious and wide-ranging commitments set out in the Strategy and Action Plan could be more implicitly stated. The Welsh Government, in its own vision on dementia stated that *“all services will need to work together in an integrated way, adding value to each and enabling services to be tailored to the individual needs of people affected by dementia”*.

Therefore, Members would like to see the Strategy contain more detail on how the work will be strategically managed – for example, details of which organisations will be responsible, and their role in the delivery of the Strategy; a timetable for the delivery of key parts of the Strategy; and details of how actions will be monitored, evaluated and reviewed.

## **Links with the National Strategy**

The Committee had previously considered the Welsh Government's Draft National Dementia Strategy, and would like to see links and references to this document reflected in the local Strategy to ensure that the national picture is mirrored locally.

## **Strategy Ambition & Priorities**

The Committee felt that the Strategy document needed to contain more clarity and detail. The Strategy aims to deliver against 9 strategic objectives, but it was unclear which of these were immediate priorities or actions over the next three years. Members felt that this was critical in ensuring that delivery is timely, measurable and achievable.

## **Action Plan**

The Committee welcomed the inclusion of a draft Action Plan at this stage of development. Members felt, however, that currently, it appeared "light" in detail on how the actions were going to be delivered and achieved. The Committee would therefore suggest that the following be considered as part of the Action Plan going forward:

- Key milestones are identified and specified to enable monitoring and review;
- Actions contain details on how they will be delivered, to give weight and direction; and
- Responsibilities/actions/tasks be allocated to individual organisations to ensure accountability for delivery.

## **Links with Day Opportunities and other initiatives and work streams**

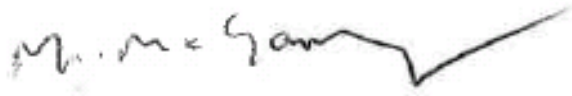
At the meeting, Members discussed the links between the positive work taking place within Day Opportunities and delivering services to people with dementia. With this in mind, the Committee would like to reiterate that it recognises the importance of Day Opportunities, and would request that this and other relevant work streams and initiatives be identified and linked in the Strategy and Action Plan.

## **Carers**

At the meeting, the issue of identifying the vast range of carers was discussed. It was recognised that there will be a challenge to the Council and its partners in addressing the needs of carers as more are recognised. Members particularly noted issues facing older carers, who may also be vulnerable. With this in mind, Members of the Committee felt that further work on identifying and categorising carers should be undertaken, to enable the Council to assist the Carers Team in its work.

I hope you find the Committee's observations and suggestions useful. We look forward to receiving further updates from you as the Strategy develops.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary McGarry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**Chairperson - Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee**

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