

## **NOTICE OF MOTION – Lancaster University Dementia Research**

Motion submitted by Councillors Nigel Goodrich and Phillippa Williamson:

- (1) This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write a letter of thanks to Dr Foulds, Honorary Researcher, Lancaster University for her presentation to the O&S Committee and commend Lancaster University on their research into Alzheimer's Disease.
- (2) This Council approves raising the profile of Lancaster University's Alzheimer's research with council staff, in Council buildings open to the public, and through our website, and encourages all Councillors to undertake Dementia training.

### **Officer Briefing note:**

Part (1) of the motion is a letter from the Chief Executive which could be drafted and sent after the Council meeting if Council resolves to do so.

Suggestions as to how Part (2) of the motion could be accomplished are detailed below:

- a) There are various ways of bringing matters to the attention of staff. There is a facility for an email to be sent to all internal users, or 'in-house' news on the Council's intranet can be used to convey information and provide links to further information. There are also staff noticeboards in Council buildings and officers could request posters and literature from the University about the research project for display on those notice boards. Posters, if available, could also be displayed in buildings open to the public.
- b) The Council's website has a news section where press releases are featured. The letter of thanks and commendation of the research could be reported there to raise its profile via the website.
- c) Regarding training for Councillors, Democratic Support Officers could source a suitable provider and incorporate dementia awareness sessions into the training programme for Members. The costs would be covered within the existing budget for Member Development.

On a related matter, it is understood that the Cabinet Member with special responsibility for older people has made enquiries about lighting up the Ashton Memorial on one of the nights during dementia awareness week (15-21 May) and this is an action which could be achieved within existing budgets.

### **Statutory Officer comments:**

The Monitoring Officer has drafted this report in her role as Democratic Services Manager.

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.