County Council - 11 December 2020

Item 7(a) Notice of Motion on hidden disability from Cllr Edwards Amendment from Cllr A Jupp

Many businesses, emergency services and local authorities have recognised the Hidden Disabilities Lanyard and *it would be good if* West Sussex County Council should embrace this could do so too. Anyone with a hidden disability which does not have physical signs, including learning disabilities, lung conditions and chronic illnesses can opt to wear a Hidden Disability Sunflower *if* they so wish to show that they may require additional help, understanding or extra time to carry out an action. This symbol allows us to gives them the opportunity to show that they may need extra help and understanding they may need in their day-to-day lives. This Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health to support the following commitments;

- (1) To officially recognise the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower.
- (2) **Where possible, t**o officially promote what it stands for and its importance in breaking stigma.
- (3) To help promote Hidden Disabilities Sunflower to encourage local businesses to recognise it where possible for example by displaying posters and encourage them to formally look at recognising it.
- (4) To promote that the **explore displaying posters and details of the sunflower in our** council offices are Hidden Disability friendly and promote the Sunflower on its buildings so people can identify the Council as Hidden Disability friendly.
- (5) To actively promote and encourage **our partners in** local district and borough councils, and town and parish councils to recognise the scheme.