

County Council 16 July 2021

Item 11(a) – Notice of Motion from Cllr Oxlade on Mental Health

Amendment from Cllr Wall

Although the coronavirus pandemic has impacted everyone in West Sussex, not everyone will have been experienced its consequences in the same way. The effects of social distancing, lockdown, the loss of loved ones to the virus and stress-inducing media reports has had a huge impact on the mental health and wellbeing of a large number of our residents and will continue to have lasting effects long after lockdown is over. West Sussex County Council has a vital role to play in ensuring that residents of West Sussex experiencing mental health issues have access to the support they need. This Council therefore asks the Cabinet to:

- (1) Ensure that access to mental health services will remain a priority both whilst public health restrictions remain in place and beyond; ~~and~~
- (2) consider the potential impact on the mental health of residents when taking decisions for the foreseeable future; **and**
- (3) ***Express its thanks for the collaborative working of partner organisations in delivering mental health services and their commitment to continue working together on this very important topic.***