

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 29 AUGUST 2013
title: DIGNITY CODE
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 Committee to consider signing up to the Dignity Code produced by the National Pensioners Convention.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – to give consideration to older people and an aging population
- Corporate Priorities – to help make the lives of older people safer & healthier
- Other Considerations –

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Cllr Bibby is the Council's representative on the NW Older peoples Network. Issues affecting older people and an aging population are discussed at these network meetings.

2.2 At a recent meeting Councils have been asked if they will sign up to the Dignity Code.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The Dignity Code has been produced by the National Pensioners Convention and is enclosed at Appendix A.

3.2 The purpose of the Code is to uphold the rights and maintain the personal dignity of older people, within the context of ensuring the health, safety and well being of those who are increasingly less able to care for themselves or to properly conduct their affairs.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – there are no direct resource issues arising from this report
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – none arising from this report
- Political – none as the recommendations in this report are an extension of principles already adhered to by this council

- Reputation – the Council must ensure that older people are treated with respect to avoid damage to its reputation
- Equality & Diversity – none arising from this report

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Agree to sign up to the Dignity Code produced by the National Pensioners Convention

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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