

Requisitioned Item

Cabinet Member: Cllr David Huxtable

Division and Local Member: All

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1. Supporting Carers in Somerset

1.1 The following requisitioned item will be proposed by Cllr Bill Revans and seconded by Cllr Jane Lock:

1. The Council thanks all unpaid carers for looking after their loved ones through the difficult time of the pandemic, caring for their loved ones without the support that they rely on.
2. The Council believes that caring for our carers needs to be at the heart of our approach to creating a sustainable future for social care in Somerset.
3. That the Council notes, while all carers are entitled to an assessment under the Care Act, of Somerset's 58,000 carers just 72 have a formal Care Assessment.
4. The Council commits to work with the NHS and voluntary sector to guarantee an assessment for carers' support for all who want one, including the offer of short breaks and other options.
5. That the Council lobby central government to ensure that carers assessments are properly funded so that we can support people to stay in their own homes while unpaid carers can take the break they deserve.