

Surrey Heath Borough Council
External Partnership Select Committee
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Presentation from Maureen Hume Camberley Alzheimer's Café

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Wards Affected:	Town, Watchetts, St Michaels, Old Dean, Frimley, St Pauls, Parkside, Heatherside, Frimley Green

1. Summary and purpose

- 1.1 The Camberley Alzheimer's café are represented by Maureen Hume, the Chairman, who will provide an update as to the local priorities and plans of the cafe into the future.

2. Background and Supporting Information

- 2.1 The Camberley Alzheimer Cafe CIO offers 2 services. 1. Monthly Cafe for people with dementia and their carers to socialise and learn about the emotional side of dementia. All is free to the public including refreshments. 2. Educational courses for the public and professionals regarding dementia. Free at delivery, supported by charitable funds Experts deliver the educational input to both.
- 2.2 The Café was set up in 2015 by the Chairman Maureen Hume, and the group have 3 trustees, and 14 volunteers with operations based at St Mary's Church, Park Road Camberley.
- 2.3 The income has reduced significantly from 2020 at £55,560 to £5,900 in 2021, with unrestricted reserves at £9,751 registered at that time, please see attached audit report for further information.
- 2.4 During the past two years with the pandemic, many of the sessions have been carried out via zoom, an example of this is on the 21st February, Kay Freemantle delivered an informative and realistic presentation on understanding anger and fear to 18 people via zoom, this is a great way to keep in contact, but the volunteers also made an astonishing 3520 keeping in touch phone calls from June 2020, until February 2022.
- 2.5 The café is mindful of the increase in covid infections and have tended to operate virtually to keep us all safe.

2.6 In February 2022, the Council through its Charity Enabling Fund contributed £1,000 towards the hall hire, food and music costs to enable the face to face meetings to re-start when safe.

3. Recommendation

3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the presentation in relation to Surrey Heath, and any future steps which Members would wish to recommend to the Executive and/or Council.