

To consider the following motion, notice of which has been duly given in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 4.12.1 by Councillors Martin Summers, Paul Turner, Chris Cooke, Alex Farrell and Simon Goodall

Loneliness and isolation are a serious public health issues that deserve more attention.

Residents can find themselves isolated for a number of reasons, leaving individuals at risk of suffering from health issues, mental health problems or other urgent needs without much needed help. We recognise that this is a particular risk to the elderly and disabled.

This is an issue that must be tackled at a local, as well as national level.

The motion recommends that this authority:

- Can play a central role in helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness and works to further improve information and advice on existing services and activities that reduce loneliness and isolation.
- Work with local partners to launch a campaign to raise awareness of the health effects of loneliness and isolation amongst target risk groups.
- Support our voluntary and community sector partners to take active interest and role in ensuring the public health problem of social isolation in in Tamworth is recognised.
- Task scrutiny to look at the issue of social isolation.
- Work to ensure addressing loneliness and isolation is reflected in relevant strategy of the authority.

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