

MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

AGENDA ITEM 7

QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

1) *Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor Anne Welburn – Local Ward Member for Cherry Willingham.*

“1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year. The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide in the coming years. Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone. People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK. There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.

As a local authority, we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health. Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority’s areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning. All councillors can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.”

Please can the Leader outline the principal actions we, as a Council, are taking to:

- Support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods, and workplaces.
- Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community

Thank you
Councillor Anne Welburn”