

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - CARER FRIENDLY SOUTHAMPTON FINAL REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	20 APRIL 2021		
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>From October 2020 to February 2021 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook evidence gathering sessions as they conducted the Carer Friendly Southampton inquiry. A final report was approved by the Inquiry Panel on 8 April 2021.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel final report, attached as Appendix 1, contains a number of recommendations. The report is to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) on 15 April. If OSMC approve the report at their April meeting, Cabinet needs to formally respond to these recommendations, summarised in Appendix 2, within two months to meet the requirements in the Council's constitution.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	Subject to the report being approved by the OSMC on 15 April, Cabinet is recommended to receive the attached Scrutiny Inquiry Panel report to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	The overview and scrutiny procedure rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the OSMC, and to submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them within two months of their receipt.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	Not applicable.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	The OSMC, at its meeting in September 2020, requested that the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertake an inquiry focussing on improving support for carers in Southampton.		
4.	<p>The set objectives of the inquiry were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To review progress being made in Southampton to support carers. b. To identify good practice being employed to support carers elsewhere. 		

	c. To identify what initiatives could work well in Southampton to help support carers.
5.	The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 6 evidence gathering meetings and received information from a wide variety of organisations. This included Carers UK, NHS Providers in Southampton, Portsmouth City Council, Surrey Heartlands ICS, NHS England and Improvement, the Department for Work and Pensions, The Children's Society, No Limits, Carers In Southampton as well as officers from Southampton City Council and NHS Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group.
6.	The final report, attached as Appendix 1, will be considered by the OSMC on 15 April 2021. The report contains a number of recommendations which, if implemented, the Panel believe will help to improve outcomes and support to carers in Southampton over the long term. The conclusions and recommendations are summarised in Appendix 2.
7.	Subject to approval by the OSMC, the Executive needs to consider the inquiry recommendations and to formally respond within two months of the date of receiving this report in order to meet the requirements set out in the Council's constitution
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u>	
8.	In practice any future resource implications arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, each individual recommendation within the Inquiry report is progressed by the Executive. More detailed work will need to be undertaken by the Executive in considering its response to each of the recommendations set out in the Inquiry report.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
9.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
10.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
11.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
12.	The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2025 has, as an objective: 'People in Southampton live active, safe and independent lives and manage their own health and wellbeing'. A specific action relating to this within the Health & Wellbeing Strategy is: 'Encourage and promote healthy relationships and wellbeing of individuals of all ages, carers and families, particularly for those at risk of harm and the most vulnerable groups through increasing early help and support.' The draft recommendations within the inquiry report will help to further the delivery of this objective.

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Carer Friendly Southampton Inquiry – Final report
2.	Carer Friendly Southampton Inquiry – Conclusions and recommendations
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None