

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL – CARER FRIENDLY SOUTHAMPTON FINAL REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	15 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 draft final report, attached as Appendix 1, is scheduled to be considered by the Inquiry Panel on 8 April 2021.</p> <p>If the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel approve a final report at the 8 April meeting the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) are requested to consider, and approve, the final report of the Inquiry Panel and forward it to the Executive for consideration and further action.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	Subject to the report, attached as Appendix 1, being approved by the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel on 8 April 2021, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is recommended to consider and approve the final report of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel and forward it to the Executive for consideration and further action.	
	(ii)	To delegate authority to the Chair of the Committee to approve any minor amendments arising from considerations raised at the Committee's meeting on 15 April 2021.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	In accordance with the Council's constitution, this Committee must approve the final report of a scrutiny inquiry before it is referred to the Executive for consideration and further action.		
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.	The set objectives of the inquiry were: <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 draft report contains a number of recommendations designed to improve outcomes and support to carers in Southampton over the long term. The draft conclusions and recommendations are summarised in Appendix 2.
7.	The Committee will be apprised of any changes made to the draft report by the Inquiry Panel at their meeting on 8 th April. Following this update the Committee needs to consider whether the report adequately responds to the inquiry objectives outlined in the Terms of Reference shown within the attached report.
8.	The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee procedure rules within the constitution require that within two months of the date of this committee approving a final inquiry report, the Executive will consider the report and submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them. Subject to the Inquiry Panel approving a final version at the 8 April meeting, if this Committee is minded to accept the final version of the report, then the document will be presented to the Executive on 20 April 2021 for further action.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u>	
9.	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>	
10.	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>	
11.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	

12.	If the OSMC decide that the Inquiry report has not met the terms of reference set by the Committee then this may require the Panel to reconvene to address the concerns raised. This would result in a delay in the Executive's response to the recommendations, and, potentially in implementing agreed actions.	
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS		
13.	<p>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'.</p> <p>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.'</p> <p>The draft recommendations within the inquiry report will help to further the delivery of this objective.</p>	
KEY DECISION		No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:		None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	Carer Friendly Southampton Inquiry – Draft final report	
2.	Carer Friendly Southampton Inquiry – Draft 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 Assessments (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		
Equality Impact Assessment and 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	