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| DECISION-MAKER: | SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL |
| SUBJECT: | ACCESSIBLE SOUTHAMPTON – ACCESSIBILITY TO TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE |
| DATE OF DECISION: | 2 DECEMBER 2021 |
| REPORT OF: | SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS |

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| STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY | |
| None | |
| BRIEF SUMMARY | |
| In accordance with the inquiry plan, for the third meeting of the ‘Accessible Southampton Inquiry’ the Panel will be considering the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility to transportation and related infrastructure | |
| RECOMMENDATIONS: | |
| (i) | The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by the invited guests and use the information provided as evidence in the review. |
| REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS | |
| 1. | To enable the Panel to compile a file of evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the review process. |
| ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED | |
| 2. | None. |
| DETAIL (Including consultation carried out) | |
| 3. | For the third meeting of the inquiry the Panel will be considering accessibility to transportation and related infrastructure. For reference the EU Accessible City Award Criteria includes the following issues under this heading - measures related to the car parks, airports, railway stations and bus stations, taxis, trains, buses and trams, proximity, interconnectivity of public transport and journey information availability. |

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| 4. | To ensure that the views of Disabled People are represented, at the start of the meeting the Panel will receive feedback on the key issues raised at the Spectrum CIL convened Accessible Southampton Focus Group meeting. The focus group is scheduled to meet on 1 st December to consider accessibility to transportation and related infrastructure in Southampton. |
| 5. | Following the feedback from the meeting of the Accessible Southampton Focus Group, Graham Garnett, Inclusive Design Officer at Liverpool City Council, and formerly Senior Access Officer at Cheshire West and Chester Council, will be providing an overview of the progress made in Chester and Liverpool relating to accessibility, and the steps taken to improve the accessibility of transportation in Chester and Liverpool. |
| 6. | To apprise the Panel about the 'All Aboard' project, an initiative funded by South Western Railway with the aim of making rail travel more accessible for profoundly disabled people and their families, Emma Hurst, All Aboard Project Coordinator at the Rose Road Association, has been invited to present at the meeting. |
| 7. | To provide an overview of Southampton City Council's approach to enabling accessible transport and related infrastructure, a presentation will be delivered by Senior Officers from within the City Council's Place Directorate. The presentation will consider a range of modes of transportation in Southampton and will outline how the Council and partners are working to make transport accessible. |
| 8. | To inform the presentation from City Council officers, feedback on accessibility has been requested from operators of the various modes of transportation available in Southampton. Attached as appendices is the requested feedback that has been received to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Operators – Go South Coast & First Hampshire, Dorset and Berkshire (Appendix 1) • Southampton Airport (Appendix 2) • Taxi operators (Appendix 3) Information has been requested from South Western Railway and Red Funnel. If this is provided prior to the meeting it will be circulated to the Panel and added to the evidence log. |
| 9. | To provide context to the discussions, a link to the Government Inclusive Transport Strategy that was published in 2018 is provided below. The strategy sets out how the Government plans to make the transport system more inclusive, and to make travel easier for disabled people. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/728547/inclusive-transport-strategy.pdf |
| 10. | The invited guests will take questions from the Panel relating to the evidence provided. Copies of any presentations will be made available to the Panel. |
| RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS | |
| <u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u> | |
| 11. | None |
| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS | |

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| Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report: | |
| 12. | The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000. |
| Other Legal Implications: | |
| 13. | None |
| RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS | |
| 14. | None |
| POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS | |
| 15. | None |
| KEY DECISION? | No |
| WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: | None |
| <u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u> | |
| Appendices | |
| 1. | Feedback received from bus operators |
| 2. | Feedback received from Southampton Airport |
| 3. | Feedback received from taxi operators |
| 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. | The Inclusive Transport Strategy: Achieving Equal Access for Disabled People (DfT 2018): https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/728547/inclusive-transport-strategy.pdf |
| 2. | Southampton Draft Bus Service Improvement Plan: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/documents/s53109/Southampton%20Bus%20Service%20Improvement%20Plan%20BSIP%20Appendix%2001.pdf |