

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL – ACCESSIBLE SOUTHAMPTON FINAL REPORT		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	9 JUNE 2022		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CLLR VAUGHAN CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - 2021/22		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
None			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
<p>From October 2021 to February 2022 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook evidence gathering sessions as they conducted the Accessible Southampton inquiry. The final report, approved by the Inquiry Panel in April 2022, is attached as Appendix 1. 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>			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>			
	(i)	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 9 June 2022.	
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
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.		
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>			
2.	Not applicable.		
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>			
3.	The OSMC, at its meeting in September 2021, requested that the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertake an inquiry focussing on looking at opportunities to make Southampton more accessible.		
4.	<p>The set objectives of the inquiry were:</p> <p>a. To identify whether the physical infrastructure of the city creates barriers for disabled people to access all Southampton has to offer.</p>		

	<p>b. To identify good practice being employed to improve the accessibility of towns and cities elsewhere.</p> <p>c. To identify what initiatives and approaches could work well in Southampton to improve the accessibility of the city.</p>
5.	The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 5 evidence gathering meetings and received information from a wide variety of organisations. This included Spectrum CIL, AccessAble, Liverpool City Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Derby City Council, The Rose Road Association, Go! Southampton, SO:Let's Connect, transport operators in Southampton, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust as well as officers from Southampton City Council.
6.	The final report contains a number of recommendations designed to improve the accessibility of Southampton. The conclusions and recommendations are summarised in Appendix 2.
7.	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. If this Committee is minded to accept the final report, then the document will be presented to the Executive on 14 June 2022 for further action.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u></b>	
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.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
10.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
11.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
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.
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	

13.	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'. The draft recommendations within the inquiry report will help to further the delivery of this objective.	
<b>KEY DECISION</b>		No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>		None directly as a result of this report
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>		
<b>Appendices</b>		
1.	Accessible Southampton Inquiry – Final report	
2.	Accessible Southampton Inquiry – Conclusions and recommendations	
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>		
1.	None	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?		No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>		
<b>Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>		
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	