

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY 2022/23 - SHORTLIST		
DATE OF DECISION:	11 AUGUST 2022		
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR - LEGAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
N/A			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
This Committee is responsible for identifying the topic for the annual scrutiny inquiry. Following consultation, the Chair has identified a shortlist of potential subjects. The Committee are asked to consider the shortlisted subjects and identify a preferred topic for the 2022/23 inquiry.			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	That the Committee considers the shortlist of subjects for the 2022/23 scrutiny inquiry and identifies a preferred topic for which terms of reference can be developed for consideration at the September 2022 meeting of the Committee.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To enable the scrutiny inquiry to commence in October 2022.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	A number of suggested topics have been rejected to enable a shortlist to be developed.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	Each year the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertakes an inquiry that looks in detail at a specific issue with the objective of improving outcomes in Southampton. A list of completed inquiries can be accessed via - Completed inquiries (southampton.gov.uk) .		
4.	It is the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) to determine the inquiry topic for the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel to undertake, and to agree outline terms of reference for the inquiry.		

5.	In June and July 2022 requests were made to elected members, the Council's Executive Management Team and the public, via the Council's website, for suggestions for the 2022/23 scrutiny inquiry.
6.	From the suggestions submitted, the Chair, in consultation with the Scrutiny Manager, has developed a shortlist of topics from which the Committee are asked to identify a preferred subject.
7.	Whilst the criteria employed is not prescriptive, in general it is recommended that the topic for an inquiry should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not be overtly political • Reflect an issue impacting on the city • Be something that the city can influence • Be linked to corporate objectives • Preferably be an issue that is beginning to attract national attention.
Shortlist	
8.	The Committee are asked to select a preferred topic from the following suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet provision in the city • Gambling harms • The River Itchen - Protecting, preserving and promoting its use (This could include aspects of flood risk and water quality) • Utilising green spaces effectively to support well-being in deprived communities.
9.	It is proposed that outline terms of reference for the preferred topic will be developed for consideration and approval at the 8 September 2022 meeting of this Committee.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
10.	None.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
11.	None.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
12.	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>	
13.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
14.	None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS		
15.	A new Corporate Plan is scheduled to be agreed at the September meeting of Cabinet.	
KEY DECISION		No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:		None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	None	
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	