

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
SUBJECT:	RESPONSE TO DRUG-RELATED LITTER SCRUTINY INQUIRY
DATE OF DECISION:	17 JULY 2018
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

From 19 October 2017 to 8 March 2018 the Scrutiny Panel undertook an inquiry looking at ways to reduce drug-related litter in Southampton. The final report of the Scrutiny Panel presented was presented to Cabinet on 17 April 2018. This report presents Cabinet's response to the recommendations made by the Inquiry Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

	(i)	To receive and approve the proposed responses to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, to follow as a completed version of Appendix 1.
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REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	The overview and scrutiny rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC), and to submit a formal response to the recommendations within them.
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2.	None
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3.	The Inquiry was set up to identify opportunities to reduce incidence of drug related litter in Southampton. The stated objectives were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To understand the prevalence and impact of drug related litter in Southampton. b) To understand the reasons for the prevalence of drug related litter. c) To review progress being made in Southampton to tackle drug related litter. d) To understand what is being done to reduce drug related litter elsewhere. e) To identify what additional initiatives could work in the city to reduce drug related litter.
4.	The Inquiry sat on 4 occasions and was informed by 4 types of information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Benchmarking the current position against other cities

	b) Stakeholder views including national experts and a visit to the local needle exchange service c) Desktop research d) Identifying best practice
5.	The final Scrutiny Inquiry report was approved by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 15 March 2018.
6.	The recommendations contained within the final report will be summarised as Appendix 1, with proposed actions set out against each recommendation.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
7.	The recommendations will be based within existing work programmes.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
8.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
9.	Local Government Act 2000 and Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
10.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
11.	There are potential health and reputational risks if we do not sufficiently prevent and manage drug-related litter.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
12.	The proposals contained in this report support the Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy (S.5 and 6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998) and the Health and Well Being Strategy (S.116A Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007), as well as the City's Drugs Strategy which sits under them.
KEY DECISION?	
	Yes
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
	All
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Reducing drug-related litter: response to Scrutiny Inquiry 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 Other Background documents available for inspection at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=126&MIId=3555&Ver=4		
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 report from the Scrutiny Inquiry Pane (undated), presented to Cabinet 17 April 2018.	Not applicable