

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ACCESSIBLE SOUTHAMPTON – ACCESSIBILITY TO THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SPACES
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	18 NOVEMBER 2021
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
None	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
In accordance with the inquiry plan, for the second meeting of the 'Accessible Southampton Inquiry' the Panel will be considering the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility to the built environment and public spaces</li> </ul>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
	(i) The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by the invited guests and use the information provided as evidence in the review.
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
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.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
2.	None.
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
3.	For the second meeting of the inquiry the Panel will be considering accessibility to the built environment and public spaces. For reference the EU Accessible City Award Criteria includes the following issues under this heading - City centre design, streets and pavements, parks, squares, monuments and open spaces, work environments, markets, festivals and other outdoor events.
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 11 <sup>th</sup> November and thereafter in advance of each meeting of the Inquiry Panel. The focus group theme for 11 <sup>th</sup> November is 'What contributes to good accessibility to the built environment and public spaces?'
5.	Following the feedback from the meeting of the Accessible Southampton Focus Group, Jemma Brown, a resident of Southampton who is visually impaired and uses a wheelchair, has been invited to inform the Panel of her experiences navigating Southampton's built environment.
6.	To help inform the discussion, attached as Appendix 1 is the winning submission from the City of Chester for the 2017 EU Access City Award. Attached as Appendix 2 are the terms of reference for Cheshire West and Chester's Corporate Disability Access Forum. Graham Garnett, the author of the submission has now moved to Liverpool City Council and will be attending the 2 December meeting of the Inquiry Panel to provide insight on the approaches employed at both Liverpool City Council and Cheshire West and Cheshire Council. The Scrutiny Manager has spoken to representatives from Chester and will outline for the Panel key details provided that develops the information contained within Appendix 1.
7.	To provide an overview of Southampton City Council's approach to the accessibility of the built environment and public spaces, a presentation will be delivered by Senior Officers from within the City Council's Place Directorate. The presentation will outline how the Council's relevant policies, initiatives and practice contribute to making Southampton's Built Environment accessible. This will include Strategic Planning, Development Management, Building Control and Highways and Infrastructure. For reference, a link to the City Council's Streetscape Manual is provided: <a href="https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/supplementary-planning/streetscape-manual-spg/">https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/supplementary-planning/streetscape-manual-spg/</a>
8.	Representatives from Go! Southampton, the Business Improvement District for Southampton City Centre, have been invited to attend the meeting to provide a business perspective. Unfortunately, the meeting coincides with a major event for Go! Southampton, the switching on of the Christmas lights. A request has been made for them to provide written evidence in advance of the meeting.
9.	At the inaugural meeting of the Inquiry, Ian Loynes, Chief Executive of Spectrum CIL, referenced in his presentation to the Panel the Access Audit that they had undertaken on behalf of Go! Southampton in 2020, and the principles of inclusive design promoted by the Inclusive Design Hub in Scotland. Attached as Appendix 3 is the Access Audit and attached as Appendix 4 is information on the Inclusive Design Hub. <a href="http://inclusivedesign.scot/what-is-inclusive-design/#about-inc">http://inclusivedesign.scot/what-is-inclusive-design/#about-inc</a>
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.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u></b>	
11.	None

<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
12.	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>	
13.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
14.	None
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
15.	None

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	No
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<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

**Appendices**

1.	Chester – Access City Award submission
2.	Cheshire West and Chester – Corporate Disability Access Forum Terms of Reference
3.	Access in Southampton – Final report for Go! Southampton
4.	Inclusive Design Hub

**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None
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**Equality Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
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**Data Protection Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
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**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. SCC Streetscape Manual: <a href="https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/supplementary-planning/streetscape-manual-spg/">https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/supplementary-planning/streetscape-manual-spg/</a>	