

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	Council
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>University of Southampton Civic University Agreement</b>
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR SATVIR KAUR LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>

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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
N/A

<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>
The University of Southampton has developed a Civic University agreement following consultation with a variety of stakeholders. It is recommended that Council endorses the agreement in order to support the civic contribution of the University

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
(i)	That Council endorses the University of Southampton Civic University Agreement, as appended at appendix 1
(ii)	That authority is delegated to the Chief Executive to agree minor amendments to the agreement, following consultation with the Leader of the Council

<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	To support and engage with the University of Southampton, so that their contribution to civic life can be amplified for the benefit of the city

<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
	Not to endorse the Civic University agreement – rejected, as not considered to maximise the benefits of collaborative working with a major city stakeholder

<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
1	In 2019, the Civic University Commission published the results of its enquiry, in which it found many great examples of civic activity, but rarely saw a strategic approach based on the real needs of the places that those institutions called their home. The main recommendation was for universities to develop Civic University Agreements, in partnership with local government

	and other institutions in the local area, to focus their civic activity based on the needs of the local community.														
2	In December 2020, the University of Southampton signed the Civic University Charter, committing to develop a civic university agreement to define how it would work within its geography, and agreeing principles with key partners, including local government and other universities, and the Civic University Agreement presented to council is the result of that commitment														
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4	The latest draft of the full agreement is at appendix 1. Some minor revisions may still be made.														
5	To signal its support for the University's ambitions, and commitment to Civic life, it is recommended that Council formally endorses the agreement. A public launch of the agreement is anticipated in early 2023														
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>															
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>															
6	Officers of the council will continue to work with the University, collaborating on areas of common interest. There are no specific resource implications of supporting this agreement per se, but joint initiatives, such as working														

	together on environmental initiatives for example, may require resources to be allocated on a business case basis.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
7	N/A
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
8	S.1 Localism Act 2011 permits the Council to work in partnership with the University to align our civic and community priorities and activities.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
9	Not applicable.
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
10	In order to maximise the potential benefits, the partnership working between the university and city council needs to remain an important relationship, subject to continued commitment and energy. Subject to this being delivered the risks are minimal
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
11	Endorsing the proposals set out in this report compliment and contribute to the Council's policy objectives set out in the statutory Policy Framework.

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	Draft Civic University Agreement
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
1.	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Other Background Documents</b>	
<b>Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>	
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
1.	None

