
SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - COMBATING LONELINESS IN SOUTHAMPTON
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2016

Present: Councillors Coombs, Laurent, Murphy, Parnell, Burke, T Thomas and Furnell

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Councillor Furnell be elected as Chair for the Municipal Year 2016/17; and
- (ii) Councillor Coombs be elected as Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

2. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

It was noted that due to a late change in membership, the Agenda identified that Councillor Whitbread was a member of the Panel instead of Councillor Furnell who was duly appointed at the meeting.

3. **INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Panel considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance setting out the terms of reference and the project plan for the Inquiry.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the terms of reference as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted; and
- (ii) that the outline inquiry project plan as set out in the terms of reference be approved.

4. **INTRODUCTION TO THE INQUIRY**

The Panel considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance setting out the introduction to the review on Combating Loneliness in Southampton.

RESOLVED that the following comments, from the Cabinet Member for Health and Sustainable Living, the Interim Chief Executive of the Campaign to End Loneliness, and Southampton City Integrated Commissioning Unit be noted and used as evidence in the review:

Councillor Shields – Cabinet Member for Health and Sustainable Living

Councillor Shields welcomed the inquiry recognising that loneliness presents a significant health risk that impacts on all ages, even in urban areas where issues such as poverty, new communities and transient housing exacerbate the problem. The inquiry represents an opportunity to make a real difference in Southampton.

Marcus Rand – Interim Chief Executive, Campaign to End Loneliness

Powerpoint presentation giving a broad overview of the prevalence and impact of loneliness, and good practice being employed to tackle loneliness. The framework developed by the Campaign to End Loneliness that highlights the full range of interventions needed from stakeholders across the community to support older people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, loneliness was also introduced. Presentation published as background documents for Members.

Adrian Littlemore – Senior Commissioner, Integrated Commissioning Unit

Powerpoint presentation delivered providing an overview of the work being undertaken in Southampton to combat loneliness. Better Care had been a catalyst for change through focussing on early intervention and support to prevent health issues, and increasing emphasis on self-management and independence. Presentation published as background documents for Members.