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Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Thursday, 11th August, 2016 at 5.30 pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

Members

Councillor Fitzhenry (Chair) Councillor Moulton (Vice-Chair) Councillor Fuller Councillor Furnell Councillor Hannides Councillor Morrell Councillor Whitbread Councillor Murphy Councillor Savage Councillor T Thomas

Appointed Members

Revd. J Williams, The Church of England (Portsmouth and Winchester Dioceses) Mrs U Topp, (Roman Catholic Church) Vacancies

- Primary Parent Governor Representative;
- Secondary Parent Governor Representative

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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Overview and Scrutiny includes the following three functions:

- Holding the Executive to account by questioning and evaluating the Executive's actions, both before and after decisions taken.
- Developing and reviewing Council policies, including the Policy Framework and Budget Strategy.
- Making reports and recommendations on any aspect of Council business and other matters that affect the City and its citizens.

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- Prevention and early intervention
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Affordable housing
- Services for all
- City pride
- A sustainable Council

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Dates of Meetings: Municipal Year 2016/17

2016	2017
16 June	12 January
14 July	16 February
11 August	16 March
15 September	13 April
13 October	
10 November	
15 December	

CONDUCT OF MEETING

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The general role and terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, together with those for all Scrutiny Panels, are set out in Part 2 (Article 6) of the Council's Constitution, and their particular roles are set out in Part 4 (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – paragraph 5) of the Constitution.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules and the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 4.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

- (i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- (ii) Sponsorship:

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

- (iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.
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- (v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.
- (vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.
- (vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:
 - a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or
 - b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

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A Member must regard himself or herself as having an, 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

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Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

Principles of Decision Making

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis.
 Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

To note any changes in membership of the Panel made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF SCRUTINY INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any prior participation in any decision taken by a Committee, Sub-Committee, or Panel of the Council on the agenda and being scrutinised at this meeting.

4 DECLARATION OF PARTY POLITICAL WHIP

Members are invited to declare the application of any party political whip on any matter on the agenda and being scrutinised at this meeting.

5 STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING) (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 14th July, 2016 and to deal with any matters arising, attached.

7 FORWARD PLAN (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Service Director, Legal and Government enabling the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to examine the content of the Forward Plan and to discuss issues of interest or concern with the Executive, attached.

a) Estate Regeneration in Millbrook and Maybush (Pages 7 - 12)

Briefing Paper of the Head of Capital Assets as part of the Committee's consideration of the Forward Plan item, Estate Regeneration in Millbrook and Maybush, attached.

8 COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES IN THE CITY CENTRE (Pages 13 - 18)

Report of the Chair of the Safe City Partnership detailing the actions being taken to address the issues raised with regards to commercial burglaries in Southampton City Centre, attached.

9 <u>COMBATING LONELINESS - SCRUTINY INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE</u> (Pages 19 - 26)

Report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing terms of reference for a Scrutiny Inquiry examining how loneliness can be combated in Southampton, attached.

MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE (Pages 27 - 42)

Report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance enabling the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to monitor and track progress on recommendations made to the Executive at previous meetings, attached.

Wednesday, 3 August 2016

Service Director, Legal and Governance

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2016

Present: Councillors Fitzhenry (Chair), Moulton (Except Minute 13) (Vice-Chair),

Murphy and Savage

Apologies: Councillors Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, Morrell, Whitbread and T Thomas

Also in attendance: Leader of the Council

Cabinet Member for Housing & Adult Care

8. APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

The Committee noted the apologies of Councillors Hannides, Fuller, Furnell, Whitbread and T Thomas. The Committee also noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillor Morrell from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the Service Director, Legal and Governance, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillor D Thomas to replace him for the purposes of this meeting.

9. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

10. COUNCIL STRATEGY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 4 2015/16

The Committee considered the report of the Leader of the Council detailing the Council's performance in Quarter 4 of the 2015-2016 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Members of the Committee consider the set of draft indicator set and identify additional / alternative measures for the consideration of the Executive;
- (ii) that the Leader identify a suitable transport measure for inclusion within the new indicator set;
- (iii) that the People's Panel be utilised to develop awareness of the reasons behind the reduction in satisfaction levels with the Council:
- (iv) that recognising the need to improve outcomes for young people in Southampton through preventative action, the Executive pinpoint and incorporate the key drivers within the indicator set that will identify if the required improvements are being made, and set appropriate targets which are stretching but achievable;
- (v) that the Leader considers engaging universities to undertake research into the effectiveness of interventions in addressing some of the wider underlying issues behind the Council's performance in 2015/16:
- (vi) to improve resident satisfaction with the Council the Leader review approaches to communicating changes being implemented by the Council;

- (vii) that the Leader circulate to the OSMC the recycling 'heatmap' that had been commissioned when available; and
- (viii) That a briefing note on developments in Southampton regarding Social Impact Bonds be circulated to the Committee.

11. <u>FORWARD PLAN: LEARNING DISABILITY RESIDENTIAL HOMES FUTURE</u> <u>OPTIONS</u>

The Committee considered the briefing paper of the Learning Disability Joint Commissioning Manager detailing the item "Learning Disability Residential Homes Future Options" requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that to provide context to the decision the OSMC be provided with:
 - (a) an overview of the number of people with learning disabilities in Southampton that are supported in the various settings (residential homes, supported living, living with family, etc.) and the number of learning disability residential homes and supported living premises in the City;
 - (b) an outline of the longer term plans with regards to the de-registration of residential homes for people with learning disabilities in Southampton;
 - (ii) that, to avoid tenants getting into rent arrears, officers consider options for paying rent directly to the landlord from the housing benefit payment; and
- (iii) that in recognition that support for the preferred option could be influenced by the level of housing / welfare benefit clients are eligible for, officers continue to work with partners to understand the potential impact that proposals relating to the provision, value and eligibility of benefits has on the client group.

12. FORWARD PLAN: DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY 2016-25

The Committee considered the briefing paper of the Policy Manager detailing the item "Draft Housing Strategy 2016-25" requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan.

RESOLVED:

- that the Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Care circulate a breakdown of the 8% non-decent Council owned housing stock by category (e.g. bathrooms, kitchens) to the Committee; and
 - (ii) that statistics on housing adaptations be provided to the Committee detailing:
 - The number of adaptations undertaken in 2015/16
 - The average time from request to assessment being undertaken
 - The average waiting time between assessment undertaken and adaptation commencing
 - The number of individuals currently awaiting housing adaptations

13. MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

The Committee received and noted the report of the Service Director, Legal and governance detailing the actions of the executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Committee.



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DECISIO	ON-MAKE	R:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MAN COMMITTEE	IAGEI	MENT
SUBJE	CT:		FORWARD PLAN		
DATE C	F DECISI	ION:	11 AUGUST 2016		
REPOR	T OF:		SERVICE DIRECTOR - LEGAL AN	ID GC	VERNANCE
			CONTACT DETAILS		
AUTHO	R:	Name:	Mark Pirnie	Tel:	023 8083 3886
		E-mail:	Mark.pirnie@southampton.gov.u	k	
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	E-mail: Richard.ivory@southampton.gov.uk				
STATE	MENT OF	CONFIDI	ENTIALITY		
None					
BRIEF S	SUMMAR	Y			
content	of the For /e to ensu	ward Plar	view and Scrutiny Management Com and to discuss issues of interest or thcoming decisions made by the Exc	conce	ern with the
RECOM	IMENDAT	IONS:			
		report to	Committee discuss the items listed in nighlight any matters which Member unt by the Executive when reaching	s feel	should be taken
REASO	NS FOR I	REPORT	RECOMMENDATIONS		
1.			rs to identify any matters which they when reaching a decision.	feel t	he Cabinet should
ALTERI	NATIVE C	PTIONS	CONSIDERED AND REJECTED		
2.	None.				
DETAIL	. (Includin	ıg consul	tation carried out)		
3.	The Forward Plan for the period July 2016 – October 2016 has been circulated to members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. The following issues were identified for discussion with the Decision Maker:				
	Portfoli	io	Decision		Requested By
	Leader		Estate Regeneration in Millbrook Maybush	Estate Regeneration in Millbrook and Maybush	
Briefing papers responding to the items identified by members of the Committee are appended to this report. Members are invited to use the papers to explore the issues with the decision maker.					
RESOU	RCE IMP	LICATION	IS		
Capital/	<u>Revenue</u>				

The details for the items on the Forward Plan will be set out in the Executive decision making report issued prior to the decision being taken.

5.

Propert	y/Other				
6.	6. The details for the items on the Forward Plan will be set out in the Executive decision making report issued prior to the decision being taken.				
LEGAL	IMPLICATIONS				
Statuto	ry power to underta	ake proposal	s in the repo	<u>rt</u> :	
7.	The details for the i				e Executive
8.	The duty to underta			set out in Part 1A	Section 9 of
Other L	egal Implications:				
9.	None				
POLICY	FRAMEWORK IMP	PLICATIONS			
10.	The details for the i				e Executive
KEY DE	CISION	No			
WARDS	S/COMMUNITIES AF	FECTED:	None direct	tly as a result of th	is report
		<u>JPPORTING</u>	DOCUMENTA	ATION	
Append					
1.	Briefing Paper – Es		ration in Millbro	ook and Maybush	
Docum	ents In Members' R	ooms			
1.	None				
Equality	y Impact Assessme	ent			
	mplications/subject c Assessments (ESIA)			ality and Safety	Yes
Privacy Impact Assessment					
Do the i	Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact No				
Assessr	Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.				
	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				

Agenda Item 7a

BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: ESTATE REGENERATION IN MILLBROOK AND MAYBUSH

DATE: 11 AUGUST 2016

RECIPIENT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THIS IS NOT A DECISION PAPER

SUMMARY:

On 18th November 2015, Cabinet approved, in principle, to develop both Woodside Lodge and the adjacent site at 536 – 550 Wimpson Lane. All buildings (other than the slab) have since been demolished. It was noted that the Integrated Commissioning Unit had identified that demand for specialist and older persons housing will continue to grow due to demographic factors and a modern scheme where care and support can be efficiently provided to a larger number of residents with multiple care and support needs will help provide a cost effective alternative to high cost residential care provision, support independence and help to deliver improved health and social care outcomes. It was also noted that there is a continued need for smaller general needs accommodation which combined with specialist and older person's accommodation would create a greater mix of community feel and allow for general needs housing to be able to flex its support locally as needed. These sites provide an ideal opportunity to develop homes to meet these varied housing needs.

The purpose of this report is to

- Provide information on the progress of the scheme to date; and
- Set out the implications for the Council.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

- 1. An initial budget was approved by Cabinet in order to commence feasibility work on the scheme. Most of this budget has now been spent on site security and demolition. It is now necessary seek further budget allocation to commission a variety of site surveys, specialist advice and consultancy services in order to work the scheme up for a detailed planning application.
- 2. Much of the work arising from these commissions is necessary to collate a well-informed cost estimate and scheme delivery timetable. It will also allow formulation of a forward thinking approach to a design, heating and ventilation solution for replication on future large flatted schemes to be developed by the Council.
- An up-to-date revised project cost estimate has been calculated (July 2016).

 However, the budget allocation recommended for approval in this report will enable a more accurate estimate to be formulated and presented for approval in due course.

 This is likely to be in the final quarter of the current financial year, once tenders for the construction of the scheme have been received.

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Consultation

- 4. A public consultation exercise took place on the proposed scheme in January 2016. Overall, the feedback was positive, with general concerns regarding the traffic management and parking within the area as a whole rather than this specific scheme. The idea of individual apartments within a housing with care scheme was supported and residents recognised the need for this type of scheme. The layout and appearance of the general needs apartments was supported as they remain within the original site footprint and provide on-site parking.
- 5. Since the public consultation, the balance of one and two bedroom flats within the Housing with Care block has been adjusted to better suit local needs and welfare benefit reform concerns. However, the proposed scheme is not substantially different to the previous version so no further public consultation is considered necessary beyond what will be part of the statutory planning application process.

RESOURCE/POLICY/FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The Council is using the Development Agency services of First Wessex (a member of the Wayfarer Consortium) and is accessing their OJEU compliant framework for the procurement of services.
- 7. Hyde Housing has recently carried out an OJEU tender for construction services which offers the opportunity for the Council to join and carry out a mini-tender selection process for a fee. After due consideration of a number of options this is the intended route for contractor selection.
- 8. Pre-application discussions have already taken place and the Planning Service has confirmed that the principle of the development meets local and national planning policy. Further discussions with Planning are ongoing in relation to more detailed design development and adjustments to the unit mix.
- 9. The 2016/17 HRA Budget Report and Business Plan, agreed by Council on 10 February 2016, added a £16M scheme split between 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 to the HRA Capital Programme for the development of the Woodside / Wimpson site. This budget allocation represented the utilisation of the majority of the retained RTB capital receipts (30%) for those financial years plus the associated borrowing (70%). Further RTB receipts are expected to be available for use in future years for the provision of housing. This figure was based on an historic draft scheme and estimate. A new estimate has been prepared in July 2016 which anticipates the total scheme cost being around £21.85M. The further budget allocation being sought will inform a much more accurate scheme cost and timings.
- 10. If for any reason the scheme did not go ahead, the feasibility costs would become abortive. However, it may be possible to recoup some of these costs by selling the site with the benefit of survey work and possibly planning consent.
- 11. Some of the RTB receipts originally allocated to this scheme have been reallocated to be spent on other projects to reflect the revised programme. If the RTB receipts are not used on this scheme then there is a risk that they may not be spent within the timescales set by the Government and would have to be repaid to the CLG with additional financial penalties for the council.
- 12. Section 11(6) of the Local Government Act 2003 relates to the council's ability to

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retain and use Right to Buy receipts to fund affordable housing.

- These proposals are aligned to the following priorities set out in the Council Strategy 2014-17:-
 - Prevention & early intervention;
 - Protecting Vulnerable People;
 - Good Quality & Affordable Housing; and
 - A sustainable council.

OPTIONS and TIMESCALES:

14. Detailed within the Cabinet report

Appendices/Supporting Information:

Appendix 1: Consultation Report

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Appendix 1

WOODSIDE LODGE AND 536 - 550 WIMPSON LANE

Feedback from Consultation Events

Purpose: Viewing of proposed plans where the public have the opportunity to discuss the scheme and comment on the proposals which are:-

- a housing with care scheme similar to Erskine Court in Lordshill comprising of mainly 2 bed units with some 1 bed units with a communal lounge and dining room which can be used by others within the wider locality
- separate block of general needs apartments

1. Events:

- a. Millbrook & Maybush Steering Group reviewed the proposals on 2nd November 2015.
- b. Public Consultation on 29th January 2016 at the Girls Guide Hut, Timsbury Road, Southampton from 3.30 to 7 pm.

2. Millbrook & Maybush Steering Group

The Steering Group comprises of Ward Members, Portfolio Member for Housing and Sustainability and members of the local community.

3. Public Consultation Event

This was attended by 2 x Ward Councillors and 11 x Local Community. This was a positive event, evidencing support for this type of scheme and scale in this area. Attendees were requested to rate the scheme designs between 1 to 10, one being do not like and 10 being great. Three forms were completed and the average score was 7.25.

4. Comments Received

What the community liked about the scheme:-

- Self-contained units with whatever facilities are needed so residents can use facilities as much or as little as required.
- Upgrading the area
- Like the design of the care home
- Local community can use the facilities
- The on site parking
- The idea behind the changes.
- Lifetime home standards for all new homes.
- Buggy parking/charging within the individual units.
- Provision of bariatric flats

What the community dislike about the proposals

- Not convinced there is enough parking, suggest lose some of the green area for parking.
- Concerns over the height and whether it is over powering, especially four storey element.
- Pedestrian crossing for the home

• Trees – number to be felled. If any trees are felled, there is a two for one replacement policy.

General concerns regarding the area:

- Concern over the width of the pavement for mobility scooters in Wimpson Lane.
- Parking in the area is very bad.
- Review road system of Wimpson Lane to 20 mph.
- Only one bus route, bus stops to be re-routed. Concern over disabled people having to walk too far to access buses.
- Traffic crossing or controlled lights at Romsey Road/Wimpson Lane needs to be looked at for safe access to buses and shops.
- Dropped kerbs.

5. Conclusion

Overall the feedback is positive with general concerns regarding the traffic management and parking within the area as a whole rather than this specific scheme. The idea of individual apartments within a housing with care scheme was supported and residents recognised the need for this type of scheme.

The layout and appearance of the general needs apartments was supported as this remains in the original site footprint and provides on site parking.

DECISION-MAKER: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE			MENT		
SUBJECT:		COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES IN THE CITY CENTRE			
DATE OF DECISION:		11 AUGUST 2016			
REPORT OF:		CHAIR OF THE SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP			
		CONTACT DETAILS			
AUTHOR:	Name:	Supt Alison Heydari	Tel:		
	E-mail:	alison.heydari@hampshire.pnn.police.uk			

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information on commercial burglaries in Southampton City Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(i) That the Committee note the appended analysis and the actions being taken to address the issues raised with regards to commercial burglaries in Southampton City Centre.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Chair of the Committee requested a discussion at the 11 August OSMC meeting on the issue of commercial burglaries in Southampton City Centre.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Refer to Appendix attached to this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

4. Not applicable

Property/Other

5. Not applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

6. Not applicable

Other Legal Implications:

7. Not applicable

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

8. Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour is a priority in the Safe City Strategy 2014-2017. Page 13

KEY DECISION? No					
WARDS	S/COMMUNITIES AF	FECTED:	Bargate and Bevois		
	<u>sı</u>	JPPORTING D	<u>OCUMENTATION</u>		
Append	dices				
1.	Analysis – Comme	rcial burglaries	in Southampton City Centre		
Docum	ents In Members' R	ooms			
1.	None				
Equality	Equality Impact Assessment				
	Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.				
Privacy	Impact Assessme	nt			
Do the i	mplications/subject of	of the report red	quire a Privacy Impact	No	
Assessi	ment (PIA) to be carr	ied out.			
Other E	Background Docum	ents			
	Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:				
Title of	Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the		
	Information Procedure Rules / Schedule				
	12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)				
1.	None				

Appendix 1

OFFICIAL

Commercial breaks in Southampton

There has been an increase in non dwelling burglaries across Southampton this year (2016).

The data below shows that the sector most affected is Southampton Central which has seen an increase where other sectors have seen a decrease.

To June 2016 there were 123 YTD 2016 occurrences in Southampton Central sector, commercial breaks (72%), non-commercial breaks (28%).

Of the 77 YTD 2015 occurrences in Southampton Central, 64% were commercial breaks and 36% were non-commercial breaks.

BURGLARY NON-DWELLING CRIME

Latest Refresh Date 07/07/201	Latest Refresh Date	07/07/2016
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Latest Refresh Date	07/07/2016			
		01/04/2016 - 30/06/2016	01/04/2015 - 30/06/2015	DIFFERENCE
SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL	April	45	26	19
	May	35	27	8
	June	43	24	^{>} 19
SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL		123	77	46
OLIVITOR				
SOUTHAMPTON EAST	April	26	56	-30
	May	33	31	2
	June	23	26	-3
SOUTHAMPTON EAST		82	113	-31
SOUTHAMPTON NORTH	April	46	33	13
	May	55	43	12
	June	21	47	-26
SOUTHAMPTON NORTH		122	123	-1
SOUTHAMPTON	April	39	43	-4

WEST				
	May	31	51	-20
	June	37	39	-2
SOUTHAMPTON WEST		107	133	-26
	Total	434	446	-12

A number of problem profiles have been completed which have driven patrol activity.

Key findings of the latest problem profile included:

- Operation Turbulent has been defined as a series of 140 overnight commercial breaks targeting cash, cash boxes, tills and safes. Offences have been occurring since January 2016 in the Southampton Central sector with a small overspill into Portswood and Shirley neighbourhoods.
- January to March experienced the highest number of offences with a small reduction in commercial burglaries between April and June.
- Offices have been targeted most frequently in this series. Other vulnerable locations include restaurants, hairdressers, cafes, pubs/nightclubs, dentists, children's nurseries and beauty salons. 17 businesses have been targeted more than once in this series.
- Research shows the total cost of all property stolen in this series equates to over £121,000.
- > Bargate has been identified as the most vulnerable location for commercial burglary having experienced 82 offences.
- In 28 offences safes have been targeted of which 12 safes have been taken from the scene; this would imply that a form of transport is being used to aid the offender's getaway.
- Forcing rear fire doors to premises with a crowbar or similar implement is the most common MO used.

Recent weeks have seen that these breaks have decreased to almost zero, however the reason for this is not clear.

Activity to date

Allocation of dedicated investigation team pursuing potential suspects and identifying investigative opportunities such as forensic, property, CCTV and intelligence development.

Regularly reviewed and discussed at district level as a priority alongside tactical meetings to review activity and align operational focus.

Working in partnership with SoBAC, Solent Uni and other City Centre contacts to identify vulnerable premises, offer support and advice and review target hardening.

Identify and visit and follow up on that visit to all premises and victims that are repeat victims.

Compile briefing sheets with updated information to ensure clear and directed activity from officers engaged on patrols.

Identifying and following up on suspicious incident calls, non crime reports and CCTV reports of suspicious persons or activity.

Receiving support from other departments (such as Integrated Offender Management) who have incorporated this issue into their activity.

Support from Corporate communications in delivering key messages.

Conclusion

Activity around landlords and other partners working together has so far been limited.

Cases could decrease if premises were to consider improving security measures such as locks, audible alarms / alarm companies, lighting and CCTV. Some may be repeatedly targeted due to limited security whilst others keep cash and valuables on the premises overnight.

Investigation teams continue to follow up a number of enquiries to identify potential suspects related to similar / like crime types.

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DECIS	ION-MAKE	ER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE			
SUBJE	ECT:		COMBATING LONELINESS - SC TERMS OF REFERENCE	RUTIN	Y INQUIRY	
DATE	OF DECIS	ION:	11 AUGUST 20156			
REPOR	RT OF:		SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL A	ND G	OVERNANCE	
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STATE	MENT OF	CONFID	ENTIALITY			
None						
BRIEF	SUMMAR	Υ				
agrees		of referen	e Overview and Scrutiny Managem ce for a scrutiny inquiry examining		,	
RECO	MMENDAT	TIONS:				
	(i)		Committee consider and approve the for the scrutiny inquiry attached as			
	(ii)	Governar	nority is delegated to the Service Dince, in consultation with the Chair of finalise the inquiry plan.		•	
REASO	ONS FOR	REPORT	RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To enab	le the Scr	utiny Inquiry Panel to commence th	e scrut	iny inquiry.	
ALTER	RNATIVE C	PTIONS	CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None.					
DETAI	L (Includir	ng consul	Itation carried out)			
3.			OSMC to determine the scrutiny reiny Inquiry Panel are scheduled to ι	•	•	
4.	consister national	Loneliness is a significant and growing issue. Acute loneliness has been consistently estimated to affect around 10-13 per cent of older people nationally and its impacts are devastating and costly, with comparable health impacts to smoking and obesity.				
5.	issue for Integrate	Loneliness has been identified by the Better Care Programme as a major issue for people living in Southampton and work, co-ordinated by the Integrated Commissioning Unit, is underway to produce a plan to tackle loneliness in the City.				
6.	lonely pe	eople in S	nce of the issue, the expected incre outhampton, and the key role cound loneliness the Chair of the OSMC	cils and	d partners can	

	'combating loneline inquiry.	ess' as an appr	opriate subject for the 2016/17	scrutiny		
7.	developed in consu	ultation with the nmissioning Un	raft terms of reference for the ir e Chair of the Committee and of it. Members are invited to com nts.	fficers from		
8.	be flexible to enable recommended that Governance, in correct the correct terms of the correc	The inquiry plan will be subject to the availability of consultees and needs to be flexible to enable the inquiry to respond to developments. It is therefore recommended that authority is delegated to the Service Director – Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, to finalise the inquiry plan.				
9.	The final report and recommendations of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel will be considered by the OSMC prior to Cabinet to ensure that the review has met the agreed outline terms of reference set by this Committee.					
RESOL	JRCE IMPLICATION	S				
Capita	l/Revenue					
10.	There are no additi recommendations.	onal financial i	mplications arising from the app	oroval of the		
Proper	ty/Other					
11.	None.					
LEGAL	IMPLICATIONS					
Statuto	ory power to underta	ake proposals	in the report:			
12.	The duty to underta		nd scrutiny is set out in Part 1A	Section 9 of		
Other I	<u>_egal Implications</u> :					
13.	None					
POLIC	Y FRAMEWORK IMP	PLICATIONS				
14.	None					
KEY D	ECISION	No				
WARD	S/COMMUNITIES AI	FFECTED:	None directly as a result of th	is report		
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1.	Combating Lonelin	ess – Scrutiny	Inquiry Draft Terms of Referen	ce		
Docum	nents In Members' R	looms				
1.	None					
Equalit	ty Impact Assessme	ent				
	implications/subject of Assessments (ESIA)		quire an Equality and Safety out.	No		

Privacy Impact Assessment				
	Oo the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) 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 / Sche 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)		lles / Schedule be
1.	None	,		



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Appendix 1

Combating Loneliness in Southampton Terms of Reference and Inquiry Plan

1. Scrutiny Panel membership: To be confirmed

- a. Councillor
- b. Councillor
- c. Councillor
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- e. Councillor
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- g. Councillor

2. Purpose:

To review progress being made in Southampton to combat loneliness and to understand what is being done to reduce loneliness elsewhere, and what initiatives could work well in the City to help people make connections and improve their wellbeing.

3. Background:

- Loneliness is a significant and growing issue. Acute loneliness has been consistently estimated to affect around 10-13 per cent of older people.
- Its impacts are devastating and costly with comparable health impacts to smoking and obesity.
- Loneliness is amenable to a number of effective interventions. Taking action to reduce loneliness can reduce the need for health and care services in the future
- The Campaign to End Loneliness and Age UK have developed a framework which sets out a series of practical interventions to address isolation.
- Loneliness has been identified by the Better Care Programme as a major issue for people living in Southampton and work, co-ordinated by the Integrated Commissioning Unit, is underway to produce a plan to tackle loneliness in the City.

4. Objectives:

- a) To review progress being made in Southampton to combat loneliness.
- b) To understand what is being done to reduce loneliness elsewhere.
- c) To identify what initiatives could work well in the City to help people make connections and improve their wellbeing.

5. Methodology:

- a) Benchmarking our current progress against framework
- b) Seek stakeholder views
- c) Undertake desktop research
- d) Identify best practice

6. Proposed Timetable:

Six meetings between September 2015 and March 2016.

7. **Draft Inquiry Plan** (subject to the availability of speakers)

Meeting 1: 8 September 2016

- Introduction, context and background
 - What is loneliness / social isolation?
 - O What are the issues faced and impact on individuals and local services?
 - o What groups are at risk and what are the risk/trigger factors?
 - Types of support we need to consider having in place
- Overview of current position in Southampton.

To be invited:

- Cabinet Member for Health and Sustainable Living
- Representative from The Campaign to End Loneliness

Meeting 2: 6 October

Issue – How do we identify people who are lonely?

- Raising awareness
- Using data

To be invited:

- To be confirmed

Meeting 3: 17 November 2016

Issue – What works effectively to combat loneliness for **older people** and how can we help?

To be invited:

To be confirmed

Meeting 4: 8 December 2016

Issue - What works effectively to combat loneliness for **children and young people** and **working age adults** and how can we help?

To be invited:

- To be confirmed

Meeting 5: 19 January 2017

Issue – Identifying the Gateway services and blockages

To be invited:

- To be confirmed

Meeting 6: 2 March 2017

To approve the final report of the inquiry and recommendations.



Agenda Item 10

DECISI	ISION-MAKER: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE				
SUBJE	CT:		MONITORING SCRUTINY RECO	MMEN	IDATIONS TO
DATE (OF DECISI	ON:	11 AUGUST 2016		
REPOR	RT OF:		SERVICE DIRECTOR - LEGAL A	ND GO	OVERNANCE
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STATE	MENT OF	CONFIDI	ENTIALITY		
None					
BRIEF	SUMMAR'	Υ			
			view and Scrutiny Management Co		
RECON	MENDAT	IONS:			
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REASC	NS FOR F	REPORT	RECOMMENDATIONS		
1.			mittee in assessing the impact and made at previous meetings.	conse	quence of
ALTER	NATIVE O	PTIONS	CONSIDERED AND REJECTED		
2.	None.				
DETAIL	_ (Includin	g consul	tation carried out)		
3.					
4. The progress status for each recommendation is indicated and if the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee confirms acceptance of the items marked as completed they will be removed from the list. In cases where action on the recommendation is outstanding or the Committee does not accept the matter has been adequately completed, it will be kept on the list and reported back to the next meeting. It will remain on the list until such time as the Committee accepts the recommendation as completed. Rejected recommendations will only be removed from the list after being reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.					
RESOL	JRCE IMPI	LICATION	NS		
Capital	/Revenue				
5.	None.		Page 27		
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Property/Other							
6.	None.						
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS							
Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:							
7.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.						
Other Legal Implications:							
8.	None						
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS							
9.	None						
KEY DE	ECISION No						
WARDS	S/COMMUNITIES A	FFECTED:	None directly as a result of	this report			
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION							
Append	lices						
1.	Monitoring Scrutiny Recommendations – 11 August 2016						
Documents In Members' Rooms							
1.	1. None						
Equalit	y Impact Assessm	ent					
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.							
Privacy Impact Assessment							
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Other Background Documents Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:							
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1.	None						

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account Scrutiny Monitoring - 11 August 2016

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Progress Status	End of July 2016	Appendix 1
Action Taken	The Council's Management Team consider regular reports on the General Fund Revenue budget as well the HRA budget. The format has been revised to assist with greater scrutiny on the basis of Service Director responsibilities and this has been recently introduced for discussion by the Council's Strategic Leadership team. A brief outline will be circulated to the OSMC.	Overview of number of people with learning disabilities supported in various settings: There are around 2,000 adults with a learning disability registered with GP practices in the city. There are 65 supported living properties in the city with around 220 clients living in the city with around 220 clients living in the city with around 220 clients living in the whole day and a sleep-in or waking night. But there are some properties with floating support which may be only a couple of hours per day. There are around 150 clients living across 92 different residential homes. Around 35 clients live in shared lives So collectively there are around 400 adults with LD living in residential, supported living or shared lives. This means that around 1,600 adults with LD live in their own homes, with family or in rented accommodation.
Action proposed	That the Committee are provided with a brief overview of the mechanisms in place to ensure that the Council's Management Team has effective oversight and control of the General Fund Revenue budget.	1) That, to provide context to the decision, the OSMC is provided with: a) an overview of the number of people with learning disabilities in Southampton that are supported in the various settings (residential homes, supported living, living with family etc) and the number of learning disability residential homes and supported living premises in the city. b) an outline of the longer term plans with regards to the de-registration of residential homes for people with learning disabilities in Southampton.
Title	Transformation Programme Update	Learning Disability Residential Homes
Portfolio	Transformation Projects	Housing and Adult Care
Date	16/06/16	91/20/4 Page 29

Progress Status		
Action Taken	In relation to the potential for further deregistrations - two additional Learning Disability residential homes are due to deregister in the next few months. This is as a result of the support providers taking a proactive approach as they are also considering what service models are needed for the future. Deregistration could be a potential option for a small number of homes however before any proposals are put forward, discussions are needed with the care provider and landlord to establish their long term business intentions. A thorough consultation with clients and their carers would take place before any decision is made. It is worth noting that Hampshire County Council have indicated that they want to see a significant reduction in residential placements over the coming years and de-registration is one of the approaches they are considering in order to achieve this. As a number of providers work across Hampshire and Southampton it may be that this will also impact on some shared services in our area. We do work closely with colleagues in Hampshire and any developments would be progressed jointly where individuals are supported by both local authorities.	Some clients may be assessed as having capacity to manage their rent payments and others may not have the capacity to do this in which case appointeeship will be set up. The housing benefit application form includes the option for rent payment to be paid directly to the landlord from the housing benefit
Action proposed		 That, to avoid tenants getting into rent arrears, officers consider options for paying rent directly to the landlord from the housing benefit payment.
Title		
Portfolio		
Date	Page 30	

Progress				
Action Taken	department. This option will be highlighted to both those clients with capacity and the appointees of those without capacity as the simplest way of managing rent payments.	There will be on going scrutiny of welfare impacts on the client group, working with key internal and external partners such as SCC's Local Taxations and Benefits department, the Financial Assessment and Benefits team, the landlord, care provider, and the clients/their appointee's (where relevant). The drive to maximise benefits will be central to the work undertaken with our partners, and we have already identified some potential early gains, to enhance this. More broadly, we will be observing closely the expected announcement in the early autumn on the Supported Housing sector overall, and any potential impacts to our learning disabled population, ensuring that there is an ongoing programme with council colleagues regarding any negative impacts.	Draft measures circulated to the OSMC 14/07/16.	The Council strategy will include measure relation to the numbers of roads (A roads and unclassified roads) requiring structural maintenance. There are a number of other measures which are monitored as part of the Local Transport Plan but it would not be appropriate to include all of these in the Council Strategy.
Action proposed		3) That, in recognition that support for the preferred option could be influenced by the level of housing/welfare benefit clients are eligible for, officers continue to work with partners to understand the potential impact that proposals relating to the provision, value and eligibility of benefits has on the client group.		 That the Leader identifies a suitable transport measure for inclusion within the new indicator set.
Title			Council Strategy Performance – 2015/16	
Portfolio			Leader	
Date		Page 31	14/07/16	

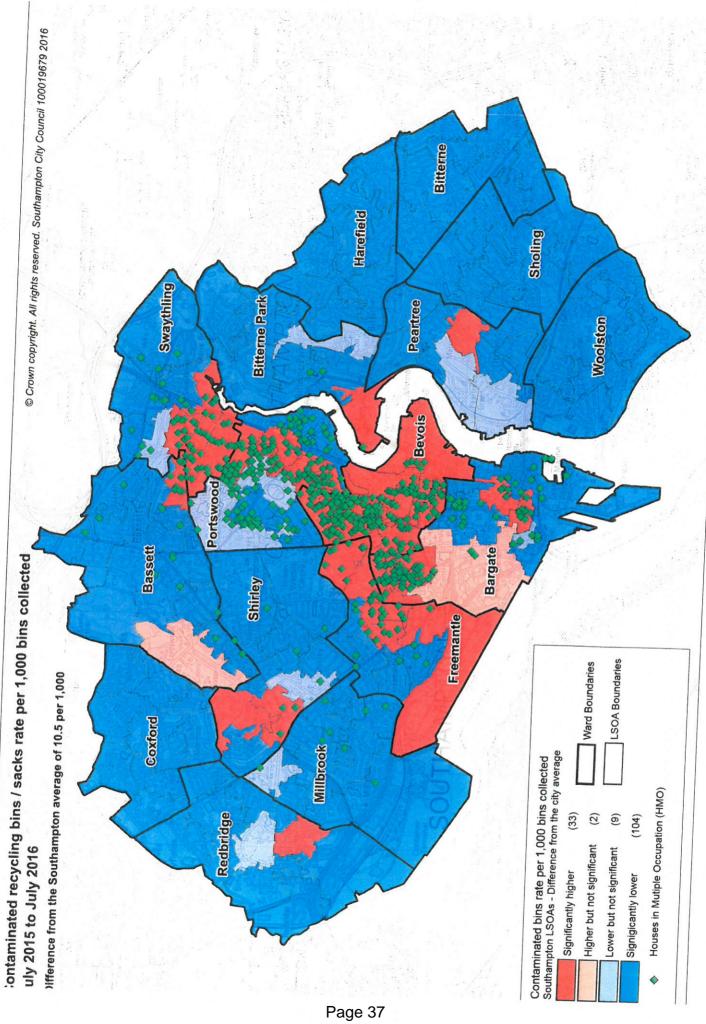
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3) That the People's Panel is utilised to develop awareness of the reasons behind the reduction in satisfaction levels with the Council.
4) That, recognising the need to improve outcomes for young people in Southampton through preventative action, the Executive pinpoints and incorporates the key drivers within the indicator set that will identify if the required improvements are being made, and sets appropriate targets that are stretching but achievable.
5) That the Leader considers engaging universities to undertake research into the effectiveness of interventions in addressing some of the wider underlyilesues behind the Council's performan in 2015/16.
6) To improve resident satisfaction with the Council the Leader reviews approaches to communicating changes being implemented by the Council.

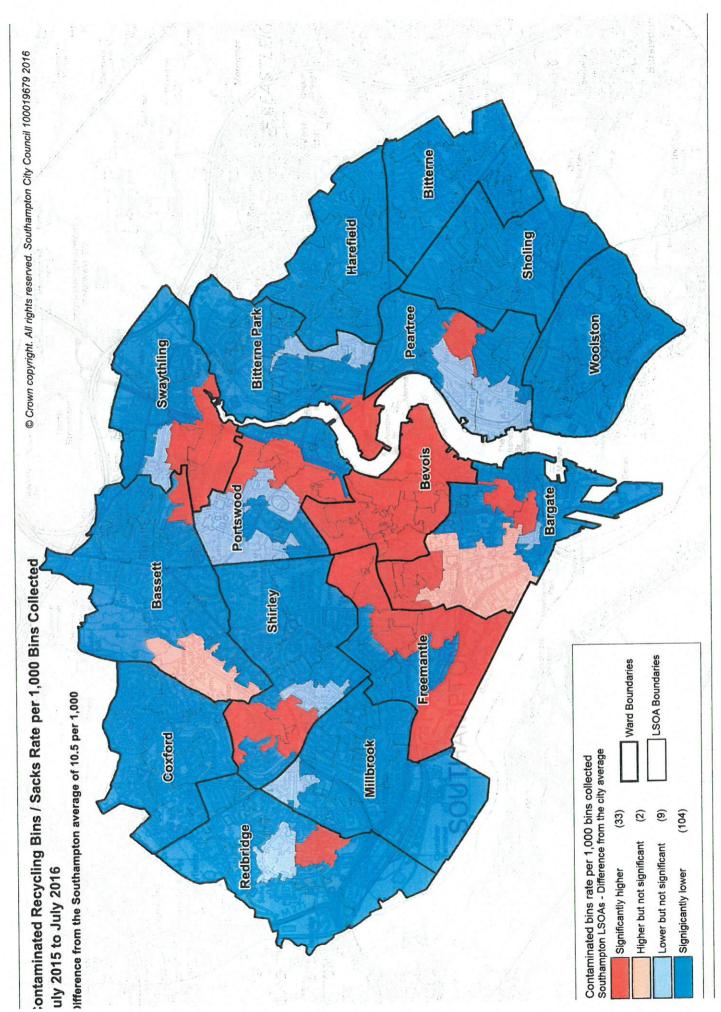
Progress	Status														
Action Taken	Attached.	Recent briefing delivered to CMT by Simon McKenzie attached.	Of the approximately 8% properties considered 'non-decent at end March 2016, 7.4% related to "disrepair" items.	The overall breakdown was as follows:	 Housing Health and Safety Rating System 0.04% 	 Modern Facilities 0.07% State of Repair 7.4% Thermal Comfort 0.5% 		In determining whether something is in disrepair, the system essentially checks whether certain components are old (the Decent Homes Standard defines what old is per component) and whether it is considered in disrepair (i.e., has	it reached the date where it was estimated that a capital replacement would be required). The reality is often that the component is not in	"disrepair" (as if something is broken repairs will address this), but in a "tired" condition where a replacement is warranted.	At March 2016, the following areas were	identified as being in disrepair:	Key Components (only 1 is needed for	property to be considered non decent):	Lintels (0)
Action proposed	7) That, when available, the Leader circulates to the OSMC the recycling 'heatmap' that has been commissioned.	8) That a briefing note on developments in Southampton regarding Social Impact Bonds is circulated to the Committee.	1) That the Cabinet Member circulates to the Committee a breakdown of the 8% non-decent council owned housing stock by category (eg bathrooms, kitchens).												
Title			Draft Housing Strategy 2016- 2025												
Portfolio			Housing and Adult Care												
Date			14/07/16			Pa	age	33							

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Progress Status		
Action Taken	Brick Nal Roo Roo Roo Roo Roo Roo Roo Roo Roo Ro	 The number of adaptations undertaken in 2015/16 Adaptations in council properties - 1,119 adaptations (291 Major and 828 Minor)
Action proposed		 2) That statistics on housing adaptations be provided to the Committee detailing: • the number of adaptations undertaken in 2015/16
Title		
Portfolio		
Date	Page 34	

Progress	Status
Action Taken	Private rented sector – 57 adaptations in properties rented from private landlords (7) or housing associations (50). 2. The average time from request to assessment being undertaken • At the point of a request being received, the request could be progressed in one of two ways: • Reablement to deal with assistance that does not immediately require an adaptation but may develop into one if the clients situation worsens over time. • Adaptations Team to provide physical equipment and alterations to their home if considered economically viable. • There is a three months target for the relevant assessment to be undertaken in order to progress a referral to the Adaptations Team to carry out either minor or major works. 3. The average waiting time between assessment undertaken and adaptation commencing • Once adaptation works are agreed they fall into the following categories and its these that will reflect in the figures previously provided* above: • Minor: 3 months corporate target. Actual delivery rate for 2015/16 was 2.8 months • T54 months
Action proposed	the average time from request to assessment being undertaken the average waiting time between assessment undertaken and adaptation commencing The number of individuals currently awaiting housing adaptations.
Title	
Portfolio	
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Report Template for Senior Management Meetings/CMT				
Meeting title Corporate Management Team				
Meeting date	22 June 2016			
Report title	Edge of Care Social Impact Bond			
Report author Simon McKenzie, Service Manager, Children & Families				

1 INTRODUCTION

Southampton has seen a significant increase in the numbers of children coming into care, rising to a high of 637 in the Summer of 2015. This is significantly higher than would be anticipated for a City of Southampton's size and demographics. Management actions were taken at the time and this has resulted in a drop in numbers however the number has hovered at around 600 since the beginning of 2016.

A decision was made to investigate the potential for developing a service to provide a rapid and intensive service to prevent children and young people coming into care and a successful bid for a development grant was made to the Big Lottery to investigate the options in particular in relation to applying for a Social Impact Bond.

Following a tendering process a consultancy company, ATQ, was appointed and have worked with the Children & Families Service over the last 5 months undertaking a feasibility study.

This has now been completed and the view is that the introduction of a service to prevent children coming into Local Authority care is both financial viable and in the best interests of the child.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Corporate Management Team agree to:

- A bid to the Big Lottery for part funding of outcome payments linked to a Social Impact Bond approach
- The subsequent development of an Edge of Care service using a Social Impact Bond approach

3 DETAIL

Background

As part of The Big Lottery funding can be secured for projects to improve service

provision. Both Essex and Greater Manchester have been successful with bids for Edge of Care services using a Social Impact Bond approach. The Big Lottery acts as a co-commissioner with Southampton as part of Social Impact Bond approach and provides funding of up to 15% of the total cost.

A Social Impact Bond involves an Investor providing funding to a provider for the service with payments by the Local Authority being made when successful. In our case the Local Authority will using a payment by results approach paying the Investor monies when a child they are working with is either prevented from coming into care or returns home from care.

This approach has the advantage for Southampton City Council in that only when savings are made does the Local Authority provide any funding. The Investor normally receives around 6-8% return on their investment and the provider is funded to provide the service. Due to the need for all parties to benefit the service is more driven and robust as a business project.

The most risk financially to the Local Authority is funding the Edge of Care service for children and young people who would not have come into care or would have returned irrespective. Thus the decision as to whether a child is suitable for the programme is critical and highlighted within the report. With the right systems and senior management overview this can minimised.

4 PROPOSALS

The proposal is to initially bid for funding from the Big Lottery. As indicated they are willing to support programmes by providing up to 15% of the cost. A detailed financial analysis is included within the Feasibility Study in Appendix A. This bid needs to be made by July 23rd 2016.

If successful and concurrently with the Bid we will be engaging further with Investors to ascertain their interest. Initial discussions would suggest that as this approach for an Edge of Care service has been used before that this will not be an issue.

We will also need to engage further with potential providers so they are aware that we will be going out to tender for the service following the Council's procurement process. Again initial feedback is positive.

The procurement phase will provide the opportunity to refine the terms and conditions and requirements informed by guidance from the Corporate Management Team, Transformation Team, ICU and Procurement Team.

It is anticipated that the Edge of Care Service would be in place in the first few months of 2017.

5 RESOURCES/JOINT COMMISSIONING IMPLICATIONS

In order to contract the service there is the need for involvement from both ICU and the Procurement Team. Monitoring the contract and ensuring its effective operation will be required. £58,000 per annum is allocated to ensure this is achieved, this is likely to part fund a manager with Children & Families Service and ICU.

The Feasibility Study identifies potential savings and is dependent on the success of the provider in preventing and ensuring children move out of care. Following close scrutiny to ensure a realistic cost saving is identified it is anticipated savings are likely to be in the region of £2.6 million to £5.3 million over a period of seven years. The base figure of £4 million is considered the most likely outcome based on a 50% success rate. Section 5.2.8 of the Feasibility Study details financial assumptions.

6 IMPACT ON OUTCOMES

The reduction in the numbers of children in care will have a significant financial benefit directly through the reduction of care placement costs but also in terms of the knock impact e.g. 20 less children open to Children & Families reduces the need for one social worker and all associated costs.

As importantly it will have the impact of increasing the life chances of children in Southampton with strong evidence that children at home are more likely to achieve academically and find employment.

The input from the provider will ensure that families are more functional increasing the quality of life for children and their families as well as breaking the cycle of children coming into care on a generational basis. Potential benefits such as reduction in crime, increase school attendance and reduction in domestic abuse are all likely to be achieved.

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