

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL – REVIEW OF PUBLIC AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROVISION TO SOUTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL
DATE OF DECISION:	13 DECEMBER 2012
REPORT OF:	SENIOR MANAGER - CUSTOMER AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report seeks agreement for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel to undertake a mini review on public and sustainable transport to Southampton General Hospital. Draft terms of reference, developed by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, are attached as Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee considers and agrees the terms of reference for a mini review undertaken by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel into public and sustainable transport provision to Southampton General Hospital.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In accordance with the Council's constitution the terms of reference for scrutiny reviews must be approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. To not undertake a review

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Cllr Thorpe, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, requested that the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (HOSP) consider conducting a review into travel access issues to the General Hospital. His particular concerns centred on bus access to the hospital, the effect of reductions in subsidies to evening bus services and opportunities to improve access.
4. Draft terms of reference for the review, attached as Appendix 1, were developed in conjunction with the Chair of the Panel, the Council's Transport Department and the SHIP Cluster. The proposal was discussed at HOSP on 29th November 2012 and the Panel agreed to undertake the review subject to approval from the OSMC.
5. At the Panel meeting the HOSP agreed to limit the scope of the proposed review to the General Hospital. It was recognised that while this is fairly narrow there is limited time and capacity to consider all key health delivery sites in the City. However, should time allow it is proposed that the review will be extended to include the Adelaide Centre/Western Hospital and Royal

South Hants. A decision was also taken to exclude car travel and car parking charges from the proposed review as this would have extended the scope well beyond manageable proportions in the time available. However, a need for the HOSP to have a background knowledge of these issues is acknowledged.

6. Given the current workload of the Panel it was agreed, subject to approval from the OSMC, to consider this issue across four meetings with one of these being a dedicated meeting to gather evidence. This will require the Panel to commit to an additional meeting in February 2013. The proposed meeting schedule is shown in Appendix 1.
7. The Council's constitution requires the terms of reference for scrutiny reviews / inquiries to be approved by the OSMC. The Committee is requested to consider and approve the draft review terms of reference and, given the health focus of the proposed review, request that the HOSP undertakes this piece of work.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

8. None

Property/Other

9. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Power to undertake the proposals in the report:

10. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

11. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

12. None.

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KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	HOSP Mini Review Proposal Terms of Reference
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Documents In Members' Rooms

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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject/recommendations in the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

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.		
2.		

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at: