

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	COMBATING LONELINESS - SCRUTINY INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE		
DATE OF DECISION:	11 AUGUST 20156		
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
This report requests that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) agrees the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry examining how loneliness can be combated in Southampton.			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	That the Committee consider and approve the draft terms of reference for the scrutiny inquiry attached as Appendix 1.	
	(ii)	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.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To enable the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel to commence the scrutiny inquiry.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	It is the role of the OSMC to determine the scrutiny review programme. For 2016/17 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel are scheduled to undertake one inquiry.		
4.	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.	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.	Given the importance of the issue, the expected increase in the number of lonely people in Southampton, and the key role councils and partners can play in combating loneliness, the Chair of the OSMC recommended		

	'combating loneliness' as an appropriate subject for the 2016/17 scrutiny inquiry.	
7.	Attached as Appendix 1 are the draft terms of reference for the inquiry, developed in consultation with the Chair of the Committee and officers from the Integrated Commissioning Unit. Members are invited to comment on the document and suggest amendments.	
8.	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.	
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS		
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>		
10.	There are no additional financial implications arising from the approval of the recommendations.	
<u>Property/Other</u>		
11.	None.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS		
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>		
12.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.	
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>		
13.	None	
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS		
14.	None	
KEY DECISION		No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:		None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	Combating Loneliness – Scrutiny Inquiry Draft Terms of Reference	
Documents In Members' Rooms		
1.	None	
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.		No

Privacy Impact Assessment		
Do 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 / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None	