

DECISION-MAKER:	PANEL B		
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK (S-LINK) ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2009/10		
DATE OF DECISION:	23 SEPTEMBER 2010		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF CORPORATE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE.		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

SUMMARY

This paper presents the S-LINK annual report and accounts to the panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) For the Panel to formally receive S-LINK's annual report for 2009/10 as required by legislation contained in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To inform the panel of the progress made by S-LINK during 2009/10 and their plans for 2010/11.

CONSULTATION

2. None

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None. The Panel receive the S-LINK Annual Report and Accounts yearly.

DETAIL

4. Southampton LINK's has a statutory duty to enable individuals and groups in the Southampton area to actively influence local care services, including their planning and commissioning through to their delivery. S-LINK has three core objectives:
 - to enhance the local accountability of publicly-funded health and social care services;
 - to influence local health and social care service design; and
 - to feed into regulatory processes for health and social care.
5. It will achieve these objectives by:
 - promoting and supporting local people in the commissioning, provision and scrutiny of health and social care services;
 - obtaining local people's views about their need for, and experiences of local health and social care provision;

- enabling local people to monitor and review the commissioning and provision of local health and social care services;and
 - raising the concerns of local people with those agencies responsible for commissioning, providing, scrutiny and regulation of local health and social care services.
6. Southampton’s LINK is supported by HAPUK as a ‘host organisation’ contracted by the City Council using earmarked Department of Health funding provided for the specific purposes of supporting LINKs.
7. The S-LINK Annual Report and Accounts provides details of the work undertaken by S-Link during 2009/10. It also includes details of the S-LINK work programme for 2010/11.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

9. 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:

10. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

11. None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	S-LINK Annual Report and Accounts 2009/10
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Documents In Members’ Rooms

1.	None
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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.	None

Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
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