

BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: SOUTHAMPTON CITY STRATEGY 2014-2025
DATE: 10 JULY 2014
RECIPIENT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THIS IS NOT A DECISION PAPER

SUMMARY:

At its meeting on 3rd July Southampton Connect, the partnership comprising leaders of key public, private and voluntary organisations in the city will be considering the final draft of the Southampton City Strategy 2014-2025 for consideration and approval by key partners across the city.

This draft strategy, which is to be published on 7 July and presented to Cabinet on 15 July 2014 and Council on 16 July 2014, will articulate a vision for Southampton, and will identify a number of key priorities and outcomes that the partnership will work collaboratively on over the next 11 years.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

1. Launched in 2011, Southampton Connect replaced the Southampton Partnership as the key strategic partnership for the city and agreed a city plan for 2012-2015 in July 2012.
2. Under the leadership of the Chief Executive of SVS, Connect has continued to develop closer working relationships with other city partnerships, including the recently formed Future Southampton, and has been effective at bringing organisations together to improve outcomes, particularly around the city's response to welfare reforms and promoting Southampton.
3. Reflecting changing needs and resources within the city, and the necessity to focus on addressing fewer key strategic challenges, Southampton Connect are drafting a new strategy for Southampton operating from 2014 to 2025.
4. The priorities within the draft strategy will be considered by Southampton Connect at their meeting on 3rd July. They have been developed following consultation with partners and key leaders across the city and reflect extensive feedback from city residents, Southampton's aspirations within the region, and analysis of information about the city.
5. Given the timing of the Southampton Connect meeting on 3rd July the draft Southampton City Strategy will be published and circulated to the Committee on 7th July 2014.

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RESOURCE/POLICY/FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Policy

6. Whilst the City Strategy is no longer a statutory requirement or part of the council's Policy Framework, it is a key part of the golden thread that will influence the priorities of key partners across the city. The draft Council Strategy 2014-17 sets out how we will contribute to the city vision: 'Southampton – a city of opportunity for all, where everyone counts'. Plans and strategies within the Policy Framework will also seek to address the specific priorities and themes in the City Strategy that the council and its services can contribute to.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

7. Report and appendices to be published on 7 July 2014.

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