

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL – COMBATING LONELINESS FINAL REPORT		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	21 MARCH 2017		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CHAIR OF SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
None	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
<p>From September 2016 to March 2017 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook an inquiry looking at combating loneliness in Southampton. The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel report contains a number of recommendations which have been highlighted in Appendix 2. Subject to the final report, attached as Appendix 1, being agreed at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) on 16th March 2017, the Cabinet needs to formally respond to these recommendations within two months to meet the requirements in the Council's constitution.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
	<p>(i) Subject to the report attached as Appendix 1 being agreed at the meeting of the OSMC on 16th March 2017, Cabinet is recommended to receive the attached Scrutiny Inquiry Panel report to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.</p>
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	The overview and scrutiny procedure rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, and to submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them within two months of their receipt.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
2.	None.
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
3.	The OSMC, at its meeting on 11th August 2016, requested that the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertake an inquiry looking at combating loneliness in Southampton.
4.	<p>The set objectives of the Inquiry were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review progress being made in Southampton to combat loneliness.</li> <li>• To understand what is being done to reduce loneliness elsewhere.</li> <li>• To identify what initiatives could work well in the City to help people make connections and improve their wellbeing.</li> </ul>

5.	The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 5 evidence gathering meetings and received information from a wide variety of organisations. This included health professionals, charitable and voluntary organisations, volunteers, commissioners, academics and lonely residents in receipt of support.
6.	The final report contains 18 recommendations in total, summarised in Appendix 2, which if implemented the Panel believe will help to accelerate progress towards combating loneliness in Southampton.
7.	A final report of the Inquiry is attached as Appendix 1. The report will not be considered by the OSMC until 16th March 2017, after the deadline for publication of Cabinet papers, therefore any amendments made by the OSMC will be reported to the Executive verbally at the Cabinet meeting.
8.	The Executive needs to consider the inquiry recommendations and to formally respond within two months of the date of receiving this report in order to meet the requirements set out in the Council's constitution.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
9.	In practice any future resource implication arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, each individual recommendation within the inquiry report is progressed by the Executive. More detailed work will need to be undertaken by the Executive in considering its response to each of the recommendations set out in the report.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
10.	None.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
11.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
12.	None
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
13.	The proposals contained within the appended report are in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework.

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None directly as a result of this report
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	Combating Loneliness in Southampton – Final Report
2.	Combating Loneliness in Southampton – Summary of conclusion and recommendations

<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
1.	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
<b>Privacy Impact Assessment</b>	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>	
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