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| DECISION-MAKER: | | OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE | |
| SUBJECT: | | SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL – COMBATING LONELINESS FINAL REPORT | |
| DATE OF DECISION: | | 16 MARCH 2017 | |
| REPORT OF: | | CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL | |
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| STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY | | |
| None | | |
| BRIEF SUMMARY | | |
| From September 2016 to March 2017 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook an inquiry looking at combating loneliness in Southampton. The final report of the Panel is attached as Appendix 1 for consideration and approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC). | | |
| RECOMMENDATIONS: | | |
| | (i) | To consider and approve the final report of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, attached as Appendix 1, and forward it to the Executive for consideration and further action. |
| | (ii) | To delegate authority to the Chair of the Committee to approve any minor amendments arising from considerations raised at the Committee’s meeting on 16th March 2017. |
| REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS | | |
| 1. | In accordance with the Council’s constitution, this Committee must approve the final report of a scrutiny inquiry and refer it to the Executive for consideration and further action. | |
| ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED | | |
| 2. | None. | |
| DETAIL (Including consultation carried out) | | |
| 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. | The set objectives of the Inquiry were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To review progress being made in Southampton to combat loneliness.• To understand what is being done to reduce loneliness elsewhere.• To identify what initiatives could work well in the City to help people make connections and improve their wellbeing. | |
| 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. | |

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| | 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. This Committee needs to consider whether the report adequately responds to the inquiry objectives outlined in the Terms of Reference shown within the attached report. |
| 8. | The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee procedure rules within the constitution require that within two months of the date of this committee approving a final inquiry report, the Executive will consider the report and submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them. If this Committee is therefore minded to accept the final version of the report, then the document will be forwarded to the Executive on 21st March 2017 for further action. |
| RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS | |
| <u>Capital/Revenue</u> | |
| 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. |
| <u>Property/Other</u> | |
| 10. | None. |
| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS | |
| <u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u> | |
| 11. | 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> | |
| 12. | None |
| POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS | |
| 13. | None |

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

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| 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 | |