

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	REDUCING DRUG RELATED LITTER - SCRUTINY INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE		
DATE OF DECISION:	10 AUGUST 2017		
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 incidence of drug related litter in Southampton can be reduced.			
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 inquiry programme.		
4.	Litter related to drug use can cover a range of materials including syringes, foils, swabs, spoons, plastic bottles and cans. Drug litter presents a health risk to the public and council employees, the discovery of which can cause fear, upset and anxiety for individuals and the wider community as well as causing physical injury.		
5.	Since February 2016 Community Safety have been logging drug litter finds across Southampton. From April 2016 – March 2017 the total number of finds was 7,620 including 7,037 discarded needles.		

6.	Given the scale of the problem, the linkages to outcomes within the new Southampton Drugs Strategy, and the key role councils and partners can play in reducing incidence of drug related litter, the Chair of the OSMC recommended 'reducing drug related litter' as an appropriate subject for a scrutiny inquiry.
7.	Attached as Appendix 1 are the draft terms of reference for the inquiry, developed in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee and officers from across the Council. 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.	Reducing Drug Related Litter in Southampton – 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	