

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	COMBATting LONELINESS UPDATE		
DATE OF DECISION:	15 FEBRUARY 2018		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not applicable	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
<p>In March 2017 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel concluded their inquiry into combatting loneliness. 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.</p> <p>The Cabinet approved an action plan aimed at delivering the inquiry recommendations on 20th June 2017. Appendix 1 sets out the progress made to date against the action plan and identifies the next steps to be taken.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	That the Committee notes the progress made in implementing the recommendations from the Combatting Loneliness Scrutiny Inquiry.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	Loneliness is a significant and growing issue. Acute loneliness has been consistently estimated to affect around 10-13 per cent of older people but it is recognised that loneliness affects all age groups.
2.	Taking action to reduce loneliness can benefit residents, communities and reduce the need for health and care services in the future.
3.	This report enables the Committee to effectively scrutinise progress against the approved Inquiry Panel recommendations.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
4.	Not applicable
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
5.	In 2016/17 a Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook an inquiry looking at the issue

	of combatting loneliness in Southampton and made a number of recommendations.
6.	An action plan to deliver against these recommendations was approved by Cabinet in June 2017. Attached as Appendix 1 is an update of progress against each recommendation.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
7.	As identified in the report to Cabinet in June 2017 the majority of the recommendations are based within existing work programmes. As such they are not considered likely to present any additional financial commitments.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
8.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
9.	Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
10.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
11.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
12.	The outcome of the scrutiny review will contribute to the following priority within the draft Southampton City Council Strategy 2016-2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Combatting Loneliness Inquiry – Progress Update
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact	No

Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.		
Other Background Documents		
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	