DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL – TACKLING CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN SOUTHAMPTON FINAL REPORT
DATE OF DECISION:	13 AUGUST 2020
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL

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# STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

#### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

From October 2019 to February 2020 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook evidence gathering sessions as they conducted the Tackling Childhood Obesity in Southampton inquiry. Following a hiatus caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, a final report was approved by the Inquiry Panel on 21 July 2020. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) are requested to consider and approve the final report of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, attached as Appendix 1.

### **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 13 August 2020.

## 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. Not applicable.

# **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

- 3. The OSMC, at its meeting on 15 August 2019, requested that the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertake an inquiry focussing on tackling childhood obesity in Southampton.
- 4. The set objectives of the inquiry were:
  - a. To develop understanding of childhood obesity levels in Southampton and the factors that influence childhood obesity.

- b. To review local plans and progress being made in Southampton to reduce levels of childhood obesity.
- c. To consider national guidance and examples of good practice that are being delivered elsewhere to reduce childhood obesity.
- d. To identify what approaches and initiatives could be introduced in Southampton to reduce levels of childhood obesity.
- The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 5 evidence gathering meetings and received information from a wide variety of organisations. This included the Leader of the Council, Public Health England, academics from the Universities of Southampton, Cambridge and City University of London, Energise Me, Solent NHS Trust, City Catering, Bristol City Council, Leeds City Council, Testlands as well as Southampton City Council officers.
- 6. The final report contains 16 recommendations in total, summarised in Appendix 2, which if implemented the Panel believe will help to tackle childhood obesity in Southampton over the long term.
- 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 18 August 2020 for further action.

# **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

## Capital/Revenue/Property/Other

9. In practice any future resource implications arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, individual recommendations within the Inquiry report are 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 Inquiry report.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

# Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

10. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.

## Other Legal Implications:

11. None

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

12. If the OSMC decide that the Inquiry report has not met the terms of reference set by the Committee then this may require the Panel to reconvene to address the concerns raised. This would result in a delay in the Executive's response to the recommendations, and, potentially in implementing agreed actions.

13.	To mitigate this risk the inquiry plan followed by the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel was developed to reflect the terms of reference set by the OSMC.			
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS				
14.	Implementing the recommendations within the appended report will help to contribute to delivering the objectives outlined in the Council Strategy 2020-25. These include:			
	<ul> <li>Place Shaping</li> <li>Wellbeing</li> <li>Green City</li> <li>Communities, Culture and Homes.</li> </ul>			

KEY DE	CISION?	No		
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:		FECTED:	None directly as a result of this report	
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION				
Appendices				
1.	Tackling Childhood Obesity in Southampton Scrutiny Inquiry – Final Report			
2.	Tackling Childhood Obesity in Southampton Scrutiny Inquiry – Conclusions and Recommendations			

# **Documents In Members' Rooms**

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1.	None				
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Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and			No		
Safety I	Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.				
Data Pr	Data Protection Impact Assessment				
	Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact No Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.				
Other E	Other Background Documents				
Other Background documents available for inspection at:					
Title of Background Paper(s)  Relevant Paragraph of the Accellinformation Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing docume be Exempt/Confidential (if appli			ules / ocument to		
1.	None				