

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL – TACKLING CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN SOUTHAMPTON FINAL REPORT
DATE OF DECISION:	18 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 Scrutiny Inquiry Panel final report, attached as Appendix 1, contains a number of recommendations. The report is to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) on 13 August. If OSMC approve the report at their August meeting, Cabinet needs to formally respond to these recommendations, summarised in Appendix 2, within two months to meet the requirements in the Council's constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

	(i)	Subject to the report being approved by the OSMC on 13 August, 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
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REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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 OSMC, and to submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them within two months of their receipt
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED
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2.	Not applicable.
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)
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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:

	<p>a. To develop understanding of childhood obesity levels in Southampton and the factors that influence childhood obesity.</p> <p>b. To review local plans and progress being made in Southampton to reduce levels of childhood obesity.</p> <p>c. To consider national guidance and examples of good practice that are being delivered elsewhere to reduce childhood obesity.</p> <p>d. To identify what approaches and initiatives could be introduced in Southampton to reduce levels of childhood obesity.</p>
5.	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, attached as Appendix 1, will be considered by the OSMC on 13 August 2020. The report contains 16 recommendations in total which, if implemented, the Panel believe will help to tackle childhood obesity in Southampton over the long term. The conclusions and recommendations are summarised in Appendix 2.
7.	Subject to approval by the OSMC on 13 August, 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
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u>	
8.	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	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
9.	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>	
10.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
11.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
12.	<p>Implementing the recommendations within the appended report will help to contribute to delivering the objectives outlined in the Council Strategy 2020-25. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Shaping • Wellbeing • Green City

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities, Culture and Homes.
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KEY DECISION?	No
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WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report
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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

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
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Data Protection Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
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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)
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1.	None	
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