

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	CARER FRIENDLY SOUTHAMPTON - SCRUTINY INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	10 SEPTEMBER 2020		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	DIRECTOR - LEGAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
None			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
It is the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) to determine the scrutiny inquiry programme. This report requests that the OSMC agrees the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry focussing on improving the lives of carers in Southampton. The draft outline terms of reference for the proposed inquiry are still being developed and will be presented to the Committee at the meeting.			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>			
	(i)	That the Committee consider and approve the draft terms of reference for the scrutiny inquiry.	
	(ii)	That authority is delegated to the Director - Legal and Business Operations, in consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, to finalise the inquiry plan.	
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
1.	To enable the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel to commence the scrutiny inquiry.		
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>			
2.	None.		
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>			
3.	The Care Act 2014 defines a carer as 'someone who helps another person, usually a relative or friend, in their day-to-day life. This is not the same as someone who provides care professionally, or through a voluntary organisation.'		
4.	According to Carers UK, 6.5 million people are carers, supporting a loved one who is older, disabled or seriously ill across the UK. Within our lifetime, there will be 9 million carers.		

5.	Whether round-the-clock or for a few hours a week, caring can have a huge effect on carers. Across the UK carers are holding families together, enabling loved ones to get the most out of life, making an enormous contribution to society and saving the economy billions of pounds. Yet many carers are struggling to juggle care with work and family life, or even suffering with poor health themselves.
6.	Carers UK have identified that many carers don't know how or where to get help and that being a carer can be frightening and very lonely.
7.	By extrapolating national figures there are estimated to be over 32,000 unpaid carers in Southampton.
8.	The 2011 Census has identified that in Southampton, most carers provide between 1 and 19 hours of care per week; however, almost one quarter of Southampton's carers provide over 50 hours per week of care and support.
9.	In 2016 a strategy that aimed to identify what is needed to improve the lives of carers now and in the future in Southampton, and to change services to meet those needs was produced. The Southampton Strategy for Unpaid Carers and Young Carers is due for renewal in January 2021.
10.	Across the UK, there are examples of local approaches that are improving the lives of carers. Therefore, in recognition of the importance and scale of the issue in Southampton, the necessity to update the carers strategy, and the opportunity to learn from other areas, the Council's Executive Management Team, following consultation with the Chair of the OSMC and Group Leaders, have recommended a review focussing on improving the lives of carers in Southampton as an appropriate subject for a scrutiny inquiry.
11.	Draft terms of reference for the inquiry are currently being developed by the Scrutiny Manager, in consultation with the Chair and relevant officers. The draft terms of reference will be circulated to the Committee at the meeting. Members are invited to comment on the document and suggest amendments.
12.	The outline inquiry plan is still in development and 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 Director – Legal and Business Operations, in consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, to finalise the inquiry plan.
13.	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.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
14.	There are no additional financial implications arising from the approval of the recommendations.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
15.	None.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	

<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
16.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
17.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
18.	None.
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
19.	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2025 has, as an objective: 'People in Southampton live active, safe and independent lives and manage their own health and wellbeing'.</p> <p>A specific action relating to this within the Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy is: 'Encourage and promote healthy relationships and wellbeing of individuals of all ages, carers and families, particularly for those at risk of harm and the most vulnerable groups through increasing early help and support.'</p> <p>This proposed inquiry will seek to further the delivery of this objective.</p>
<b>KEY DECISION</b>	No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None directly as a result of this report
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	None
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
1.	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>	
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