

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ACCESSIBLE SOUTHAMPTON – INTRODUCTION, CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	7 OCTOBER 2021
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
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None

<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>
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In accordance with the inquiry plan, for the opening meeting of the ‘Accessible Southampton Inquiry’ the Panel will be considering the following issues:

- The key features of an accessible city
- An overview of accessibility challenges experienced by people with disabilities in Southampton as a result of the physical infrastructure of the city.

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
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	(i)	The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by the invited guests and use the information provided as evidence in the review.
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<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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| 1. | To enable the Panel to compile a file of evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the review process. |
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<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>
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| 2. | None. |
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<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>
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| 3. | For the opening meeting of the inquiry Guy Van-Dichele, Southampton City Council’s Executive Director for Wellbeing (Adults and Health), has been invited to launch the inquiry by outlining the importance of the inquiry for the City Council and the City of Southampton. |
| 4. | This will be followed by a presentation from Anna Nelson, Chief Executive at AccessAble, the largest provider of accessibility information across the UK. AccessAble have recently launched the <a href="#">Accessible Towns Initiative</a> that, as                         |

	the UK continues its recovery, is asking towns and cities to accept the challenge to not only build back better, but to build back accessible. ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLwpxX3sEql">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLwpxX3sEql</a> )
5.	Anna has been asked to outline for the Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why it is important that towns and cities are accessible</li> <li>• The key features of an accessible city</li> <li>• Key challenges / mistakes made in the design of cities</li> <li>• Examples of good practice.</li> </ul>
6.	To provide a Southampton perspective Ian Loynes, Chief Executive at Spectrum CIL, has been invited to present an overview of the accessibility challenges experienced by people with disabilities in Southampton as a result of the physical infrastructure of the city. Ian has also been asked to provide context to national guidance.  Spectrum CIL is a User Led Organisation, run and controlled by Disabled People. As an advocacy organisation, it seeks to change the way Disabled People are viewed, included and valued for who they are and what they contribute to society.
7.	The invited guests will take questions from the Panel relating to the evidence provided. Copies of any presentations will be made available to the Panel.

#### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Capital/Revenue/Property/Other**

8. None

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

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

##### **Other Legal Implications:**

10. None

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

11. None

#### **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

12. None

#### **KEY DECISION?**

No

#### **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:**

None

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

#### **Appendices**

1. None

#### **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
<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 available for inspection at:</b>		
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>	
1.	None	