

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	6 OCTOBER 2022
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES

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**STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

None

**BRIEF SUMMARY**

On 8 September 2022 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) agreed the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry focusing on protecting, preserving and promoting the River Itchen in Southampton.

The outline project plan for the inquiry identifies themes for each meeting. This report invites the Panel to note the terms of reference and to amend and approve a final version of the outline inquiry project plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

	(i)	That the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 be noted.
	(ii)	That the Panel discuss, amend and approve a final version of the attached outline inquiry project plan, allowing for sufficient flexibility and the availability of suitable witnesses.

**REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.	To enable the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel to commence the evidence gathering process.
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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

2.	There are numerous options that could be included within the draft terms of reference. The version attached reflects the feedback from the OSMC.
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**DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

3.	The OSMC agreed the outline terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry focusing on protecting, preserving and promoting the River Itchen in Southampton on 8 September 2022.
4.	Panel members are invited to note the terms of reference and to amend and approve a final version of the attached outline inquiry project plan. The

	approved plan will then provide the structure to the subsequent meetings of this review, allowing for flexibility and the availability of suitable witnesses.
5.	The outline inquiry project plan identifies that the review will be conducted over 7 meetings of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel with a final report to be considered at the 20 April 2023 meeting.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u></b>	
6.	Resources to support the scrutiny review will come from existing budgets.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
7.	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>	
8.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
9.	None
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
10.	None

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	Terms of Reference and Draft Inquiry Plan
<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 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</b>	
<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</b>
1.	None