

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	DRUG RELATED LITTER IN SOUTHAMPTON – INTRODUCTION, CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 OCTOBER 2017		
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>In accordance with the inquiry plan, for the opening meeting of the ‘Reducing Drug Related Litter in Southampton Inquiry’ the Panel will be considering the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to drug related litter in Southampton, including trends, drug use in the city, and the impact of drug related litter; • An overview of approaches employed in Southampton to reduce drug related litter; • Identification of what appears to be working well and what can be improved in Southampton in relation to approaches employed to reduce drug related litter. 			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by the Cabinet Member, residents and invited guests and use the information provided as evidence in the review.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
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.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	Litter related to drug use can cover a range of materials, including syringes, foils, swabs, spoons, plastic bottles and cans. Councillor Shields, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Community Safety, has been invited to outline the Executive’s position on reducing drug litter in the city and to set the inquiry within the context of the new Southampton Drugs Strategy, attached as Appendix 1.		
4.	This will be followed by feedback from residents of Southampton who have been invited to provide the Panel with an insight into the impact that drug		

	related litter has had on them and their communities.
5.	The Panel will then receive a presentation from Mitch Sanders, Service Director – Transactions & Universal Services, and Ralph Walling, Street Cleansing Manager, providing the Panel with an overview of drug litter finds in Southampton.
6.	The drug litter data will then be set within the context of the prevalence of drug injecting in the city and the number of people who are discarding drug litter. This information will be provided by Colin McAlister, Service Development Officer within the Integrated Commissioning Unit.
7.	The final presentation will seek to provide the Panel with an understanding of the approaches employed in Southampton to reduce drug related litter; what appears to be effective and where improvements can be made.
8.	Representatives from Hampshire Constabulary and the Society of St James, provider of Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction Services in Southampton, have been invited to the meeting to contribute to the presentations.
9.	The guests invited to present information at the meeting will take questions from the Panel relating to the evidence provided. Copies of any presentations will be made available to the Panel.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
10.	N/A
<u>Property/Other</u>	
11.	N/A
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
12.	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>	
13.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
14.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
15.	None
KEY DECISION	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Southampton Drugs Strategy – 2017/2020
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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 Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
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Privacy Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out?	No
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Other Background Documents: Equality Impact Assessment and 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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