

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Steve Sienkiewicz, Scrutiny Manager.
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	22 January 2015

## REFERRAL FROM PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider a referral from the Public Protection Sub-Committee regarding a possible scrutiny review of landaus on the promenade.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the referral from the Public Protection Sub-Committee and determine an appropriate course of action.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure that the referral is dealt with appropriately.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered: None.

### 4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 N/A

### 5.0 Background Information

5.1 Horse drawn hackney carriages, often referred to as landaus are licensed to ply for hire all year round although in practice the majority of carriages only work between Easter and the Illumination switch off.

5.2 Whilst these vehicles are licensed as hackney carriages and therefore can ply for hire

anywhere within the borough, they tend to restrict themselves to the Promenade and are a popular attraction for visitors.

- 5.3 Over the last 12 months there has been an increase in the number of complaints about the amount of horse droppings on the Promenade and about carriage drivers driving down the middle of the road and going through red lights. There has also been an increase in the number of queries concerning the welfare of the horses whilst on the Promenade.
- 5.4 In October 2014 a serious incident took place where a horse was startled and bolted down the Promenade. The carriage in question collided with members of the public on the Promenade and a six year old boy had his collar bone broken as a result.
- 5.5 A full scrutiny review of the landau service was carried out in 2007. Since then, the layout of the Promenade has changed significantly and therefore it may be appropriate for the issue to be considered in detail once more. On that basis, at the meeting of the Public Protection Sub-Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014, it was decided to refer the matter to the Scrutiny Committee as a suggestion for a possible scrutiny review.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**List of Appendices:** None.

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 None.

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 None.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the Public Protection Sub-Committee agreed to refer this matter to the Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None.