

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>TOURISM, ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9 July 2015

## SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider the Workplan and to determine whether to establish the Landau Scrutiny Review Panel, together with any suggestions that Members may wish to make for scrutiny review topics.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.

2.2 To approve the Scrutiny Review Checklist

2.3 To determine whether to establish the Landau Scrutiny Review Panel.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure the Workplan is up to date and is an accurate representation of the Committee's work.

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 Scrutiny Workplan**

5.1.1 The Scrutiny Committee Workplan is attached at Appendix 11a. The Workplan is a flexible document that sets out the work that the Committee will undertake over the course of the year.

5.1.2 Committee Members are invited, either now or in the future, to suggest topics that might be suitable for scrutiny in order that they be added to the Workplan.

### **5.2 Scrutiny Review Checklist**

5.2.1 The Scrutiny Review Checklist has been revised and is attached at Appendix 11b for the Committee's approval. The Committee is recommended to place an emphasis on the priorities and performance of the Council when considering requests for scrutiny reviews.

5.2.2 The checklist forms part of the mandatory scrutiny procedure and must therefore be completed and submitted for consideration by the Committee, prior to a topic being approved for scrutiny.

### **5.3 Landau Scrutiny Review**

5.3.1 At the Scrutiny Committee on 22 January 2015 Members considered a referral from the Public Protection Sub-Committee regarding a possible scrutiny review of landaus on the promenade.

5.3.2 Members agreed at that meeting that it would be beneficial to undertake an in-depth scrutiny review on the topic, but to defer commencement of the review until the start of the new Municipal Year. This Committee is requested to ratify that request.

5.3.3 The following information was received from the Public Protection Sub Committee:

5.3.4 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.

5.3.5 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.

5.3.6 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.

5.3.7 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.

5.3.8 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 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:**

Appendix 11a – Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Workplan

Appendix 11b - Scrutiny Review Checklist

**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 None.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None.