

## APPENDIX B(1)

### **Scrutiny request**

**Issue** - Use of Worthing Promenade. How can the space be best shared safely. What is the long term vision for the Promenade?

**Request from** - Councillor Sally Smith - Worthing Borough Council

**Public interest** - Residents and visitors to the town have been in contact with me with concerns about safety along the promenade. Pedestrians have concerns about speeding bikes and use of e-scooters plus skateboards travelling at speed

**Score** = High

**Ability to change** - The Council could review safety issues and consider how bye laws can best be enforced by officers. A review of effective signage, for example, could potentially bring about change in behaviour and enhance safety.

**Score** = High

**Performance** - Nature of the problem has changed during the pandemic as the promenade has become a destination for travel and exercise for an increasing number of people. A review could potentially improve the performance of Council services.

**Score** = Medium

**Extent** - Problem affects both residents and visitors to the town and concerns a large area from East Worthing, across the town centre stretch of the promenade to West Worthing

**Score** = High

**Replication** - No

**Score** = High

**Expected Outcomes** - Officer report or working group set up to review current use of the Promenade, including safety issues and longer term plans. This would link into the long term vision for place making and seafront investment plan.

**Does the proposed review link with the Council strategic objectives or does the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the ability to influence and/or add value on the subject?**

'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' - Platform 1 - Commitment 1.3 - Attractors for Prosperity through Place making including improvements to the seafront.

Links with activity and Project 1.3.6 - Delivery of the Worthing seafront investment plan.

**Score** = High

**How could this review be undertaken?** Officer report or JOSC Working Group.

**Recommendations from Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen:-**

That the request be refused on the basis that we are satisfied that the Council and the Police are deploying or have carried out various initiatives to control the activities along the Promenade which will make the area safer. We also consider that the work being undertaken related to these issues by the Executive Members and work under the various streams of 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further', will help to mitigate concerns.