

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Scrutiny request**

**Issue** - Review of the basis of allowing concessions along Worthing promenade to vehicle based business with regard to air, noise pollution, and other consequential hazards to pedestrians and cyclists.

**Request from** - Worthing resident

**Public interest** - Many locals and visitors alike use the beaches and the promenades to walk and enjoy the sea air, the views, open spaces and want to relax. More recently it has become a policy of the council to have as many vehicle based traders as possible provided by paid for concessions to sit on the promenade and all of these have very noisy petrol fueled motor generators which they put to the side, immediately behind or 10 metres or so out on the beach/foreshore. These are not only very noisy but give off constant fumes right into areas of the beach that people are wanting to sit or near areas that they are walking. These concessions seem to be becoming a permanent aspect of our seafront and promenades without any concern given to the pollution. In addition it seems to show complete disregard to other businesses positioned nearby for their loss of business and footfall as a result.

**Score** = High

**Ability to change** - I have mentioned this before to the council in various ways. If the strategy of the council is to regularly have vehicle based businesses operating along the promenade they should determine or fix these locations and provide standing electrical connection points (some places have these but still a vehicle placed there will have a petrol generator running). The council could investigate placing secure and safe points of power all along the promenade where it interfaces the beach and at points where the trade vehicles may park up next to green areas eg Windsor Lawns opposite the fishing boats. The cost of connecting to these would be covered in conjunction with the charge for the concession and all petrol/diesel generators banned from the promenade or foreshore. These can then be used by all trading vehicles including visiting fairgrounds, markets as well as food, drink entertainment trading vans.

**Score** = High

**Performance** - Yes, this review will allow the council to vastly improve its environmental and pollution credentials, better meet targets and make the visiting experience of the public as well as residents a much better experience.

**Score** = High

**Extent** - It of course covers the whole length of Worthing's beach promenade areas, probably about 3 miles from Windsor Road in East Worthing to George V Avenue and possibly Marine Drive

**Score** = High

**Replication** - No

**Score =** High

**Expected Outcomes** - A new considered and more strategic view of placing vehicle traders onto promenade areas and an outright ban of using any form of noisy and polluting petrol/diesel generators along the promenade, sea front or foreshore areas of Worthing and the sensible provision of secure power points for vehicles to connect to when they are provided seafront concessions.

**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?**

Platform 1 - Prosperous Places - Commitment 1.3 - Attractors for prosperity through place making (town centres, public space, public realm, public arts, cultural offer, seafront etc).

**Score =** High

**How could this review be undertaken?** Report to JOSOC reviewing the approach to concessions and the issues set out in the request.

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

That as part of its Work Programme, JOSOC should receive and review a report to a future meeting which explains the Councils general approach to Concessions along the Promenade and seafront and including the issues raised in the Scrutiny request.