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**Cabinet Member - Wellbeing and**  
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**20 June 2016**

**BY EMAIL**

**Summary:** This is a letter from the Tethered Horses Scrutiny Working Group to the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Healthy City. It sets out the expected next steps.

Dear Councillor Child,

**TETHERED HORSES SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP**

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2016 and for agreeing to meet informally with us to discuss its contents.

As you know, we were disappointed with your response to our conclusions and recommendations but, having discussed the matter with you more fully, we are pleased to hear about the positive steps that are to be taken.

I am also pleased to note that, in principle, you are happy with the approach that we have proposed. Clearly there are issues that need to be resolved before a pilot project can go ahead and many of these are set out in your letter. This is a complex and challenging issue and we appreciate that you need to proceed carefully given the financial challenge that the Council faces.

The group was happy to hear that you plan to meet with all interested groups to discuss the viability of a pilot. During our work on this issue we were struck by the commitment shown by everyone we heard from to work together so I am sure that there will be a willingness to find answers to the questions that you have raised. We will be happy to direct anyone who wishes to be involved directly to you.

We all share a concern for the welfare of horses and a commitment to resolving the problems associated with the tethering of horses on council land. As a group, therefore, we hope that a way forward can be found. We will await developments with interest.

While we do not expect an immediate response to this letter we are keen to review progress in future. We would therefore ask that you write to me in the coming months on progress that has been made. The Scrutiny Programme Committee will retain an interest as part of its work plan and will no doubt raise this issue as part of your regular annual Q&A session with them.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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