

APPENDIX 1
ACTION PLAN: Review of Fly-Grazed Horses

No.	Recommendation	Proposed Actions / Progress	Success Measures	Responsibility	Date
1	Cleveland Police, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) and other relevant partners, in conjunction with any other interested Tees Valley Local Authorities, develop a joint formal policy document to address the fly-grazing of horses on both Council and non-Council land, clearly outlining the roles and responsibilities of the relevant organisations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify key partners from all four local authorities and the Police 2. Provide key contact details for both week and weekend shifts 3. Assist the Police in completing the Cleveland wide policy by providing a detailed work process relevant to SBC 4. Consider local/national horse contractor provision or SLA potential by the Police 5. Discuss the potential for the Police to identify a suitable designated officer(s) to implement similar arrangements to current DLO format 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Key partners identified 2. Key contact details shared and updated regularly 3. Agree formal policy between Cleveland Police and SBC (other LA's to do similar which will allow for a formal Cleveland wide Policy 4. Police undertaking and agreeing to an SLA 5. Police to identify internal officers with specific responsibility for horse policy/workplan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SBC 2. SBC/Police/Other Cleveland LA's 3. SBC 4. Police 5. Police 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End Feb 2021 2. End Feb 2021 3. April 2021 4. Ongoing 5. Ongoing
2	The agreed joint formal policy is made publicly available, with specific awareness-raising work undertaken with local horse-owners.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed joint policy will be shared locally via SBC website and media 2. Direct officer contact with horse owners who will discuss the new policy while interacting with known owners 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy made publicly available 2. Policy made available and discussed with horse owners 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SBC 2. SBC 	

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3	There is improved presence (e.g. dedicated webpage) on the Council website around the issue of fly-grazed horses, including key (non-personal) contacts (Council and other partners) / links to guidance / tips for landowners / formal policy (once finalised), etc.	1. A new SBC webpage will be created dedicated to responsible horse ownership which will detail the completed policy, note Council email addresses, basic horse safety information, roles and responsibilities for key partners and legal requirements for horse ownership, permitted/licensed grazing sites etc.	1. Webpage created and all relevant information added and made publicly available	1. SBC (Env Health & IT)	1. May 2021
4	Where identified, SBC continue to work with landowners (particularly those previously / currently affected by this issue) to reinforce their rights and obligations, as well as avenues of wider support and guidance.	1. Advice and guidance to be provided to private landowners as their options and legal powers should they wish to deal with issues of fly-grazed horses on their land. Potential for agreements with third party landowners to undertake work at cost on the behalf (Thirteen) 2. Advice and information to also be included on new webpage	1. Will allow wider joined up approach across land targeted for the use of fly-grazing within the borough 2. Webpage created and all relevant information added and made publicly available	1. SBC (Env Health) 2. SBC (Env Health & IT)	1. May 2021 2. May 2021
5	Further investigation of potential Council land for a licenced grazing pilot scheme be undertaken as part of the wider SBC Asset Review (ensuring input from the Council's Environmental Health department).	1. SBC Land & Property Officers to detail the progress of the Asset Review and any potential identified areas for grazing/licenced grazing as per the review outcomes	1. Land identified and proposed for use. Where no land can be identified that this is noted and the rationale detailed	1. SBC (IG,P&D Services / Env Health)	1. Ongoing

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6	Relevant SBC departments identify specific areas of Council land requiring a zero-tolerance approach based on location alone, along with an assessment of the resources required to support the enforcement of the new formal policy on these pieces of land and any other land where a horse's presence poses an identified risk.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevant SBC departments /members identify those areas of council land (for various reasons i.e nuisance / damage / aesthetics / sensitivity / future development) where fly-grazing won't be tolerated under any circumstances 2. Identified land to build into the overall policy and publicised accordingly 3. Tender process for the provision of horse bailiff to undertake seizure of horses and all associated costs with this process 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear policy for all concerned as to where horses will not be tolerated and the outcomes / actions that will be implemented 2. Webpage created and all relevant info added and made publicly available 3. Suitable contractor in place to undertake agreed role at agreed rates 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SBC (IG,P&D Services / Env Health, CFYA) 2. SBC (Env Health) 3. SBC (Env Health) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TBC 2. TBC 3. TBC
7	Consideration be given to arranging a future microchipping clinic in the Borough (in conjunction with the British Horse Society).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working in conjunction with horse charities/stakeholders to provide microchipping/passporting/gelding clinics to be provided as soon as current pandemic safety measures/ national lockdowns end & charities have available funding/ resource 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future clinics/events agreed and undertaken with partners 2. Improved health/welfare of horses and liaison with horse owners 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SBC and relevant stakeholders/ charity groups 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TBC
8	An Officer network group to encourage regular collaboration (including the sharing of best practice around this issue) between the Council and relevant partners regarding fly-grazed horses be created.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting of all four LA's and Cleveland Police to take place 01/02/21 to agree working group and TOR's / meeting frequency 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed working group established 2. TOR complete for group 3. Meeting frequency agreed 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police 2. Police 3. Police 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 01/02/21 2. TBC 3. 01/02/21