

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Temporary and Negotiated Stopping Places

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 15 January 2019

Cabinet Member: Councillor Chris Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development

CMT Member: Carole Burgoyne, Strategic Director for People

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Key Decision: No

Part:

Purpose of the report:

This report presents Plymouth City Council policy for dealing with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller unauthorised encampments, and provision of suitable sites for temporary and negotiated stopping places for the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community visiting our city with the aim of reducing impact on the city.

The Corporate Plan 2016 - 19:

Providing Temporary and Negotiated Stopping Places for Gypsy and Traveller community relates to the City Vision in providing good quality accommodation for this community when needed and provide a strategic approach to managing unauthorised encampments. The provision of temporary and negotiated stopping places supports our priority to be a Caring Council.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land:

Cost avoidance could be realised through a reduction in the number of unauthorised encampments and a subsequent clear up costs in the long term. It is the intention that the temporary and negotiated stopping places incur charges for the residents and as such will contribute towards the cost of managing the stopping places.

Options for funding the development of sites will need to be explored once site(s) are agreed and works identified. The development costs will need to be reviewed by the Corporate Capital Investment Board.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

There are health and safety issues for both residents and Gypsy Roma & Traveller communities in ensuring appropriate provision for travelling communities.

Equality and Diversity

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? Yes

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

- It is recommended that Plymouth City Council approve the Gypsy Roma & Traveller Unauthorised Encampment Policy.
- Commence the process of identifying appropriate sites to enable the Council to implement this policy once the JLP has been approved

Please see main report: GYPSY ROMA AND TRAVELLER POLICY - Unauthorised Encampments

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Continuing with existing procedure and lack of stopping places is not a viable option because:

The draft policy agreed in November 2017 has not been finally adopted and is therefore not able to be enforced.

The direction of travel identified in the November 2017 draft policy has been clarified and refined to form the new policy proposed.

Published work / information:

[Gypsy and traveller sites consultation document 31 March - 12 May 2009, Plymouth city council Department of development](#)

[PBA - Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Assessment Study - Final Report Joint Local Plan](#)

Background papers:

Strategic Land Review 2016 (Hyperlink Unavailable)

Sign off: comment must be sought from those whose area of responsibility may be affected by the decision, as follows (insert references of Finance, Legal and Monitoring Officer reps, and of HR, Corporate Property, IT and Strat. Proc. as appropriate):

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Originating SMT Member: Matt Garret, Head of Community Connections
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Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the contents of the report? Yes
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