

GYPSY/TRAVELLER SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 2024

Present: Councillors A Stirling (Chair), N Baillie, S Brown, G Crowson, A Evison, G Owen, C Simpson and H Smith.

Officers: Housing Manager (Strategy and Building Standards) (Hannah Russell), Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer (Di Faithfull), Strategic Housing Officer (Liz Hamilton), Teacher (ASL) (Aileen Strachan), Quality Improvement Officer (Lisa Lees), Jill Smith, NHS, John Webster, Police Scotland, Principal Solicitor (Martin Ingram) and Committee Officer (Paige Donovan).

1 SEDERUNT AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chair asked Members if they had any interests to declare, in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct. There were no interests declared.

2 PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

In taking decisions on the undernoted items of business, the Sub-Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:-

- (1) To have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality and opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, and
- (2) to consider, where an Integrated Impact Assessment has been provided, its contents and to take those into consideration when reaching a decision.

3 MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF 1 MAY 2024

On consideration of the circulated Minute of Meeting of the Sub-Committee of 1 May 2024, the Sub-Committee **agreed** to approve it as a correct record.

4 LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY - UPDATE ON GYPSY/TRAVELLER ACTION PLAN

There had been circulated a report dated 19 August 2024, by the Director of Environment and Infrastructure Services, which highlighted the progress on delivery of projects contained within the Gypsy/Traveller Action Plan produced under the current Local Housing Strategy.

During discussion, Members expressed their gratitude to officers for the extensive work undertaken in support of the Gypsy Traveller community. Members highlighted their wish to participate in the Local Development Plan (LDP) consultation, which officers would be circulating, to ensure the Sub-Committee's views were considered. Comments were made regarding the need to monitor available funds, and officers

were asked to oversee financial resources and explore potential future investments. Additionally, Members requested that officers assess future site provisions, including a review of the site provision strategy following receipt of Scottish Government guidance.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee **agreed** to continue to monitor the progress on actions in the Gypsy/Traveller Action Plan at each meeting.

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