

## CABINET CAPITAL ASSETS COMMITTEE


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MINUTES of a MEETING held in KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN on Tuesday, 20 May 2014.

Cllr Keith Humphries	Cabinet Member for Public Health, Protection Services, Adult Care and Housing (exc strategic housing)
Cllr Laura Mayes	Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Cllr Jonathon Seed	Cabinet Member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding
Cllr Toby Sturgis	Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste
Cllr John Thomson	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene and Broadband

Also in Attendance:

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Key Decisions Matters defined as 'Key' Decisions and included in the Council's Forward Work Plan are shown as 

### 10 **Apologies and Substitutions**

Apologies were received from Cllrs de Rhé-Philipe, Scott, Tonge and Wheeler.

Cllrs Humphries, Mayes and Seed were substitutes.

Cllr Thomson was in the chair for the meeting.

### 11 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Resolved:**

**To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2014.**

### 12 **Leader's Announcements**

There were no announcements from the chair.

### 13 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 14 **Public Participation**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

#### 15 **Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan Document**

Councillor Sturgis presented the report which outlined work proposed to undertake a review and roll forward of pitch requirements in the Wiltshire Core Strategy in the form of a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment and sought member's endorsement for the arrangements being undertaken to assess land in Council ownership for inclusion as new traveller sites in the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document to maintain a 5 year supply of sites in accordance with national policy.

He noted that the proposed traveller pitch requirements included in the Wiltshire Core Strategy, Core Policy 47 (as amended) seen in table 1 of the report were correct as of today but were subject to the outcome of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment. Interviews with the travelling community were underway as part of the review on overall pitch requirements and it was expected that numbers may increase as with the settled community.

#### **Resolved:**

**The Committee endorsed the arrangements being undertaken in order to assess land in Council ownership for inclusion as new traveller sites in the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document to maintain a 5 year supply of sites in accordance with national policy.**

Reason for proposal:

There are a number of drivers for pursuing the opportunity to include Council land in the proposed Gypsy and Traveller DPD. These include:

- i. The legal requirement in the Housing Acts for councils to provide for the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers in its area
- ii. The requirement in national policy for councils to respond positively to the accommodation needs of travellers, a commitment the Council has also made to the Wiltshire Core Strategy Inspector
- iii. The benefits of reducing unauthorised encampments / developments
- iv. The need to provide a choice in the size, type and locations of traveller sites in Wiltshire
- v. The requirement to maintain a 5 year supply of housing included in national policy

16 **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 12.00 - 12.06 pm)

<p>These decisions were published on the 22 May 2014 and will come into force on 30 May 2014.</p>
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