

Environment Select Committee

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Update on the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document

On 20 Jan 2015 Cabinet approved a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Wiltshire, ensuring the document was up to date and set out the Council's priorities for development plan preparation for Wiltshire. An up-to-date LDS is a statutory responsibility of the Council and will be used to set out a clear timetable for the preparation of planning policy in Wiltshire to provide certainty to local communities, investors, infrastructure providers and stakeholders.

A Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD) will form part of the LDS and will set out site allocations to provide for the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Wiltshire and include a review of overall pitch requirements strategy based on an up to date Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment.

Currently the Gypsy and Traveller DPD is in the evidence gathering and informal consultation stage. From June- July 2015 the pre-submission consultation is expected followed by an examination process including hearings from November 2015- April 2016, and expected adoption in May 2016.