



# SPC Presentation on Traveller Accommodation Programme May 2024



## Current Projects

- Labre Park Redevelopment - Revised Stage 2 funding application currently under review with the Dept of Housing. Works for installation of playground to commence in June.
- Reuben Street – Single House Project – Tender process underway.
- Avila Park – 3 House Project – Design stage has commenced.
- Cara Park – 9 House Project – Stage 2 funding of €4.6m has been approved. Decanting process underway.
- Traveller Accommodation Group Housing Retrofit Programme – Completion of BER certs about to commence. Once BER's are completed a Tender process start to appoint a contractor.
- Acquisitions – a number of properties have been identified and are under review for purchase.
- Management & Maintenance of all sites – delivery and quality of works completed has greatly improved.
- Emergency and Caravan Loan Schemes – awaiting budget to be confirmation from Dept for 2024. 10 loans completed in 2023 and 9 Emergency Grants issued.

## TAP 2025-2029

- Grove Lane – Redevelopment of site to provide 10 additional Traveller specific housing units.
- St Joseph's Park – Redevelopment of site pending a consultation process with tenants on site.
- St Mary's Park – 2 new Bays to be constructed to help alleviate overcrowding on site.
- St Oliver's Park – Redevelop area with housing/bay mix pending consultation with tenants on site.
- Work with Housing Development & Planning to incorporate Traveller Specific Housing within all new Social Housing Developments across the City.
- Northern Fringe Redevelopment including:
  - St Dominic's Park
  - Northern Close
  - Tara Lawns
  - Belcamp Lane

# Challenges

- Culturally appropriate, Traveller specific accommodation needs to be included in all future Social Housing developments.
- Managing expectations in relation to the provision of culturally appropriate accommodation remains challenging. Consideration has to be given to different family groupings/sizes in order to address unauthorized occupation/overcrowding. The Northern Fringe and Ballyfermot areas are of particular concern.
- Consideration needs to be given to specific family groupings and their accommodation to prevent conflict/feuding during the allocation process.
- Downsizing from 3/4bed group housing to 1/2 bed is proving very difficult.
- Local opposition to Traveller Accommodation can be significant.
- Traveller families can be reluctant to move to other areas within the City.

## **Projects can be delayed due to:**

- Last minute changes or challenges to projects.
- Delays in the planning or tendering process.
- Impediments to staff and contractors on site.
- Abnormal soil/structural findings on sites etc.
- Poor connections to services.