

Dublin City Council Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

Date: Friday, 14th October 2022 / Council Chambers

Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jack Keyes – Chairperson
Mr. Frank d’Arcy – Executive Manager
Mr. Tony Smithers – Head of Traveller Accommodation Unit
Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr. Sophie Nicoullaud
Mr. Shay L’Estrange – BTAP
Cllr. Janet Horner
Ms. Mary McCann – Avila Representative
Ms. Sive Moran – Social Worker
Ms. Brigid McDonagh – Cara Representative
Ms. Winnie McDonagh – TravAct
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Ms. Angela O’Neill – FTDG
Mr. Brian Dillon – CENA
Mr. Hugh Doyle – CENA
Ms. Bridget Doyle - CENA
Dr. Sean O’Riordan – Director, Sean O’Riordain and Associates

Apologies:

Ms. Collette Spears – CDTG Community Worker
Ms. Winnie McDonnell – PHC St Margaret’s
Cllr. John Lyons
Ms. Margaret Wall - Ballyfermot Representative
Ms. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
Ms. Sally Flynn - Labre Park Representative
Ms. Anne Helferty – Chief Welfare Officer
Ms. Maggie Wall – BTAP
Cllr. Hazel De Nortúin

Minute Taker: Ms. Denise Doyle– Senior Staff Officer, TAU

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| | Welcome | Jack Keyes, Chairperson. |
| 1. | Welcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Welcomed all and acknowledged the positive response from the Committee during Covid.➤ Welcome to Tony Smithers, new Head of the Traveller Accommodation Unit.➤ Existing Members to be contacted in relation to issues with Quorum and attendance. |
| 2. | Confirmation of Minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Minutes confirmed.➤ Request - to move CENA Presentation up the Agenda. Response - all agreed.➤ Request - for feedback on the Housing SPC presentation. Response – Presentation was very well received and there was good feedback from Members on specific issues. |

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| 3. | CENA Presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation delivered by Brian Dillon. ➤ It was acknowledged that Land restrictions within Dublin City Councils boundaries are causing issues in providing Traveller Specific housing. ➤ Traveller Housing is general pushed out to the border of Local Authority Areas which can delay progress if there is a lack of co-operation between Local Authorities. ➤ Commitment for TAU to engage with CENA going forward. |
| 4. | Manager's TAP report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Traveller Accommodation Programme Report presented by Tony Smithers. ➤ Tony Smithers is the new Head of Traveller Accommodation Unit. Thanked staff and Members for welcoming him in his new role and he is looking forward to working collaborately and collectively with all Stakeholders. ➤ St Margarets Park – re-engagement with Tenants has begun and Acquisitions to be allocated over the coming months. ➤ Labre Park Redevelopment – issue with abnormal costs have been noted in funding application to Dept. ➤ Tony to meet the Dept by end October, to discuss issues in relation to the Caravan Loan scheme e.g. costs in relation to adapted caravans for Tenants with mobility/disability issues and additional families living at the back of houses in Group Housing Schemes – they are currently not eligible to apply for the loan. ➤ Issues with illegal dumping and anti-social behavior to be addressed across all sites. ➤ New Estate Management Team to be established within the Section to address these issues on sites. |
| 5. | TAP Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair – Further discussion of Review to be held at a later date. Draft Review document to be submitted to the Dept noting further amendments for inclusion. ➤ Request – the following 5 points should be recognized in the Review document – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of figures in relation to Traveller Count and Traveller Specific Housing – only 2 tables shown. More detail required. 2. Mention of Traveller Cultural Awareness Training – this needs to be covered properly and offered to all staff. The term “Housing Options” should be removed and replaced with HomeS. 3. Recommendation required in relation to powers of the LTACC. 4. Detailed information should be provided in relation to spend during the period of the TAP and in relation to funding received and spent particularly in relation to maintenance. Recommendation on green spaces also required – there are no green spaces provided on Traveller Sites. 5. IHREC Report and its findings was raised by Members but is not mentioned in the Report. This Report and its significance should be acknowledged. ➤ Feedback acknowledged, Sean to review and final document circulated to all Members. ➤ Frank has given an undertaking to include a report on Revenue and Capital spend to LTACC. |

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| 6. | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Request - to add Waste Management to the Agenda going forward. Response - all agreed.➤ Request - for Council Members to provide more information to Committee regarding changes in legislation and for a Traveller Rep to be put forward as a Member of the Housing SPC.➤ Request - for update on Waste Management sub-group – when will this be setup? |
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Next meeting agreed: **Friday, 25th November 2022 @ 11.30am**