

Report to Housing SPC Date: Friday 10th March 2017 Item No. 9

## **Traveller Accommodation Update**

1. <u>Report on caravans at the back of houses:</u>

The following is a count of caravans at the back of houses. It was never intended for the space for caravans to be used as dwellings. Where permissions to reside have been granted, it was on the basis of having adequate space in the house. In other cases, additional claimants are added to the rent accounts when it is picked up that they are claiming from that address.

DCC does not sanction the use of the caravans as alternative dwellings. The fire risks of doing so are considerable and jeopardise the houses as well as the caravans. Decanting will take time and applicants have the following options:

- Presentation to Homeless Services
- ► HAP
- Moving into the House where there is adequate space (In Avila & Cara a number of the houses are under-capacity)
- > Breach of Tenancy warnings to tenants who move caravans into the back of houses
- Priority on standard housing lists if that is an acceptable option to the applicants and if eligibility criteria are otherwise met

## Labre Park

1	Portakbin	Used for Storage
1	Mobile	Not in use
3	Caravan	Side/Back of House;
		2 in use

## Kylemore

1	Mobile	Not in use
1	Caravan	

## Bridgeview

* Bridgeview	Caravan	Only used for holidays
Avila	24 mobiles in back gardens	Most of the houses have capacity

Fire Safety Review: Implementation of the Review is ongoing. On a number of sites there is not sufficient space between caravans (due to overcrowding) and there are ongoing inspections to check all electrical installations

TAP 2014-2018 Schemes Co	ompleted to Date		
Schemes	No of Units	COLOUR CODE	
Special Needs Adaptation:	5	BLUE	WITH COUNCIL
Special Needs Extension:	2	YELLOW	WITH AHB
Removal of pyrite: x Avila Gardens	1		
Kylemore Grove - Rebuild of 3 Houses	3		
Bridgeview - Rebuild Houses	2		
Acquisition	2		
Day House Refurbishment	7		
Yard Resurfacing	10		

Schemes Under Construction Stage 4				
Schemes	Units	Status	Next Milestone	Expected Completion
				Date
Overcrowding	1	Tender Approved by	Completion	Q2 2017
Extensions: Cara Park		DHPCLG 24/01/17		
GHS				
Schemes at Tender Stage - Stage 3				
Schemes	Units	Status	Next Milestone	Expected Completion
				Date

St. Margaret's Electrical

Energy Efficiency

Upgrade

Insulation

30

130

1	Approval to Tender	Issue of Tender	Q4 2018		
Capital appraisals submitted to the Department - Stages 1 & 2					
Units	Status	Next Milestone	Expected Completion Date		
13	Feasibility	Stage 2	Q2 2018		
14	Feasibility	Stage 2	Q4 2018		
1	Pre-Tender	Stage 2 Approval	Q4 2017		
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31	Approval in principle	Clúid to appoint design team	Q4 2019		
5	No families will move				
	onto the site. Ongoing				
10	Overall plan with		NI ///		
		Detailed Design	N/K		
	Respond to develop.	Detailed Design	N/K		
	Respond to develop. Interim plan for	Detailed Design	N/K		
	Respond to develop.	Detailed Design	N/ K		
	Respond to develop. Interim plan for water/drainage/	Detailed Design	N/ K		
30	Respond to develop. Interim plan for water/drainage/ electrical/ dayhouse	Detailed Design	Q4 2018		
30	Respond to develop. Interim plan for water/drainage/ electrical/ dayhouse remediation				
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Close		lssues		
St. Oliver's Park Day- house upgrade -	14	Not Started -link to Electrical upgrade		
St. Joseph's Park Day- house upgrade -	13	Not Started -link to Electrical upgrade		
St. Joseph's Park - Community Centre refurbishment	1	Will not proceed.		
Remediation of Pyrite- damaged - Avila Park Community Centre		Request to demolish & replace with housing.	Engineer has assessed site: Suitable for 2 houses. Appoint Architect	
St. Dominic's Park	23	Overall plan with Respond to develop. Interim plan for water/drainage/ electrical/ dayhouse remediation		