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## **Adoption of Dublin City Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024**

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Dublin City Council is required by the provisions of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998 to prepare and adopt a five year Traveller Accommodation Programme to meet the existing and projected needs of Travellers in its administrative area. The current Programme expires on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and the new Programme will cover the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

A Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme has been prepared in line with the guidelines set out in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Governments Circular 35/2018 and the *“Guidelines on the Preparation and Implementation of Traveller Accommodation Programmes 2019-2024”*.

A comprehensive and collaborative Housing Needs Assessment addressing the current and future needs of Travellers in the City Council’s administrative area was carried out in November/December 2018. The statutory public consultation process commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 when a notice appeared on Dublin City Council’s website and adverts were published in the Irish Times National newspaper, the Northside/Southside People and the ECHO newspapers locally requesting that submissions for the City Council’s Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 be made by 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The date was further extended by request to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Formal submissions were received from nine groups.

Following individual meetings with members of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) who had made submissions, a Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme was approved by the full LTACC on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Draft Programme was also presented and endorsed by the Strategic Policy Committee on Housing on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Further public consultation on the Draft Programme was held from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Following a review of these comments and submissions, Dublin City Council’s Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 has been prepared.

The approval of the City Council is hereby sought for the adoption of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024.

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**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**