



Comhairle Cathrach  
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Dublin City Council

**Report to Housing SPC**

**Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Item No. 4i**

## Dublin City Council Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

**Date:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 / Meeting via Teleconferencing (MS Teams)

### **Members in Attendance:**

Mr. Jack Keyes – Chairperson  
Mr. Frank d’Arcy – Executive Manager  
Cllr. Sophie Nicoullaud  
Mr. Shay L’Estrange – BTAP  
Ms. Anne Helferty – Chief Welfare Officer  
Ms. Winnie McDonagh – TravAct  
Ms. Collette Spears – CDTG Community Worker  
Ms. Angela O’Neill – FTDC  
Cllr. Hazel De Nortúin

### **Apologies:**

Cllr. John Lyons  
Ms. Mary McCann – Avila Representative  
Ms. Brigid McDonagh – Cara Representative  
Margaret Wall - Ballyfermot Representative  
Ms. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative  
Ms. Winnie McDonnell – PHC St Margaret’s  
Ms. Sally Flynn - Labre Park Representative  
Lord Mayor Cllr Alison Gilliland  
Cllr. Janet Horner  
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan

**Minute Taker:** Ms. Denise Doyle– Housing Advisor, TAU

	<b>Welcome</b>	Jack Keyes, Chairperson.
1.	<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Chair introduced Mr. Frank d’Arcy, Executive Manager, TAU.</li><li>➤ Also introduced, Mr. Declan Ronan, Operations Manager, TAU</li></ul>
2.	<b>Issues arising from last meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Query</b> – Full quorum still not reached as there are no Traveller Reps in attendance. Quorum should be reviewed to allow for meetings to reach official decisions. Recommendation of new quorum should be sent to FD and DD.</li><li>➤ <b>Group</b> – agreed that meeting should still proceed.</li><li>➤ Previous agreement on subsidy payment to allow voluntary Traveller Reps attend needs to be implemented – Frank to make sure payments are available to Traveller Reps for next meeting</li><li>➤ Cllr D.N – recommended the use of Area Office conference rooms to facilitate Traveller Reps attending remotely. D.D to liaise with Area Offices to see if this will be possible.</li><li>➤ Frank- Any decisions are made in good faith and will be adhered to.</li></ul>
3.	<b>Correspondence – (Chief Executives reply to LTACC Letter)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Frank – read out letter to Chief Executive from Chairperson. Chief Executives response also read out. Chief Exec has given commitment to attend next LTACC meeting in February 2022 and to review staffing levels in TAU.</li></ul>

4.	<b>Manager's TAP report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Frank- read out updated TAP report.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for timeframe on Part 8 Application for Avila – <b>Response</b> - D.D to follow up.</li> <li>➤ Issue with empty house in St Mary's Park needs to be resolved asap. Another family on site is looking to move in. D.R and PEO, C.K to follow up with tenant of house to obtain surrender. D.R will have follow-up report for next meeting</li> <li>➤ <b>Group</b> - felt there have been difficulties getting through to TAU section – are phones forwarded to mobiles when staff are WFH? <b>Response</b> - D.D confirmed phones are forwarded and relevant contact details will be sent to LTACC members to facilitate contact.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for official start date to be provided for the 9 new units in Cara Park – <b>Response</b> - D.D to follow up with dates.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for review of Scheme of Lettings so young Traveller couples may be offered 2bed accommodation to facilitate them starting a family. Consideration needs to be given to offering culturally appropriate housing. <b>Response</b> - Frank - Allocations are subject to the Scheme of Lettings and people are housed based on their need.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for update on the redevelopment of Labre Park and an update on the offers of standard housing made to people on site. <b>Response</b> - Frank to request PEO, C.K to provide a full update for next meeting.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for a Community Centre to also be provided within Labre Park redevelopment.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for TAU to revisit discussions with ESB to allow for individual connections to be supplied to occupants of Tara Lawns and St Dominics rather than Landlord Meters.</li> <li>➤ Problems with the supply of water to Labre Park noted. Is this an Irish Water issue or DCC's? Case number has been created with Irish Water but no response has been received. D.R not aware of any issues with water on site but confirmed it would be an issue for Irish Water.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - Licence Agreements for Sanitation Units to be changed to Lease Agreements to afford greater assurances to occupants. Fee should not be charged due to the condition of the Units. <b>Response</b> - D.R – Sanitation Units are currently being refurbished.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for update on the number of houses purchased by TAU in 2021, along with an update on the Naas Road/City Edge developments. Are TAU in discussion with Planning Dept for Traveller Accommodation to be included in Development Plan? <b>Response</b> - Frank to provide update at next meeting.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Update on Caravan Loan Scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ D.R – Negotiations with Dept are still on-going in relation to how the money will be recouped. Full report will be presented at the next meeting.</li> <li>➤ 21 Applications received to date.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> – for report to include who is eligible and details of closing date for applications.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Agenda items for next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Update to quorum.</li> <li>➤ Update on Traveller Count – underway at the moment.</li> <li>➤ Update to TAP – Chair to discuss review of TAP with Chief Exec.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for TAU to engage with MABS and SEAI in relation to their project on fuel poverty and review of retrofits to allow for greater energy savings.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>A.O.B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Frank – has committed to engage with Waste Management to get rep to attend next meeting to discuss the issue of illegal dumping on sites.</li> <li>➤ <b>Request</b> - for review of TAU staffing levels. <b>Response</b> - Frank to complete review for Chief Exec before next meeting.</li> <li>➤ D.D – to circulate meeting dates for next year. Mandated to meet 6 times a year, if possible. Last Friday of the month (February, April, June, September, November – additional month to be agreed).</li> </ul>

Next meeting agreed: **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 11.30am via ZOOM (pending review of Covid-19 restrictions)**