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Dublin City Council

Report to Housing SPC

Date: Friday 19th of June 2023

Item No. 5. iii.

Dublin City Council Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

Date: Friday, 26th May 2023 / Crisis Management Room 222

Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jack Keyes – Chairperson
Mr. Tony Smithers – Head of Traveller Accommodation Unit
Ms. Anne Helferty – Chief Welfare Officer
Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr. Sophie Nicoullaud
Ms. Angela O’Neill – FTDG
Cllr. Janet Horner
Ms. Mary McCann – Avila Representative
Ms. Sive Moran – Social Worker
Ms. Elizabeth Connors – BTAP
Mr. Shay L’Estrange – BTAP
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Ms. Winnie McDonnell – PHC St Margaret’s

Apologies:

Mr. Frank d’Arcy – Executive Manager
Ms. Collette Spears – CDTG Community Worker
Ms. Margaret Wall - Ballyfermot Representative
Ms. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
Ms. Sally Flynn - Labre Park Representative
Ms. Maggie Wall – BTAP
Cllr. Hazel De Nortúin
Ms. Brigid McDonagh – Cara Representative
Ms. Winnie McDonagh – TravAct
Cllr. John Lyons

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

	Welcome	Jack Keyes, Chairperson.
1.	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcomed all ➤
2.	Confirmation of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes confirmed.
3.	Managers TAP Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Report delivered by Tony Smithers ➤ St Margaret’s Park Redevelopment – Consultation with tenants is on-going. TAU staff are currently on site completing a housing needs assessment with each family. Design plans will then be drafted based on the findings of the needs assessment. ➤ Cara Park 9 House build – Final design has been agreed. Design will be presented to Travact and the community in the coming weeks. ➤ Reuben Street 1 House build – Dept has approved the funding for this project. Due to go out Tender in Q3. ➤ Dept have approved funding from their Dormant Fund Accounts – monies will be split between St Dominics Park, Labre Park and St Margaret’s Park and used to provide play and community facilities on site. ➤ Belcamp Lane – Consultation has taken place with occupants of Northern Close, Tara Lawns and St Dominic’s Park regarding future Part 8 proposal and removal of waste along Belcamp Lane. ➤ Request– For St Joseph’s Park to be looked at in terms of a full redevelopment of the site. Conditions on site are quite poor and need to be addressed as soon as possible. Response – Tony – Fingal County Council have redevelopment plans approved for that whole area. TAU hope to meet with Fingal in relation to these plans and to find out how the tenant’s in St Joseph’s Park and St Mary’s Park fit into those plans. ➤ Comment – The Committee should seek to setup a sub-group with Fingal County Council in order to ensure Traveller Specific Accommodation is included in their overall redevelopment plans for that area.
4.	Traveller Count - Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anne – Traveller Count was completed and figures were submitted to the Dept. ➤ Sorcha Farrell, Senior Social Worker will complete a presentation on the count at the next LTACC meeting.

5.	2023 Finance Report –Q1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Financial Report submitted to Members outlining TAU spend on Maintenance & Waste removal across all sites from Jan-April 2023. ➤ Quarterly update reports to be submitted at each meeting going forward. ➤ Request – For report on proposed Waste Management Plan and how this will reduce current costs of waste removal.
6.	National Review – New Traveller Accommodation Guidelines for Halting Sites and Group Housing - Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is hoped that a full report on the findings of the review will be published within the next 3 months.
	A.O.B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The position of Project Estate Officer has now been filled. ➤ Traveller Accommodation Unit staff are due to take part in Cultural Appropriate Training in Pavee Point on Tuesday, 7th June. Staff will also be participating in “Dealing with Challenging and Aggressive Situations and Lone Working” training on Wednesday, 8th June. ➤ Query – Any update from the Dept in relation to the Caravan Loan Scheme for 2023? Response – Last year’s scheme is currently under review with the Dept. They have not yet given the go-ahead to extend it to 2023. TAU have a waiting list if it is implemented again. There may be a stricter criteria introduced which people will have to adhere to if they want to avail of the loan. ➤ TAU has issued letters to Members regarding attendance. Still awaiting some responses. ➤ Dept of Housing Traveller Accommodation Support Unit representatives will be attending a site visit of our Northern Fringe Sites on Friday, 9th June. Full TAU outdoor and indoor staff will also be in attendance.

Next meeting agreed: **Friday, 30th June 2023 @ 11am**