
TITLE: REVIEW OF SERVICE CHARGES FOR TRAVELLER SITES

Committee: Regulatory & Support

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 The Council has recently recruited to the vacant Traveller Liaison Officer post and welcomed Andrew Lamb to the team. Andrew has vast experience in working with the Gypsy and Traveller community and has spent many years working on various sites across Norfolk.

His focus on both of the traveller sites (Earith and Wentworth) will include: facilitating a multi agency approach with both voluntary and statutory agencies including health, education, children and young families and adult social care, to improve the health and education of the Travellers.

Work to bring these agencies together has already started and Andrew is looking at a possible option on the Earith site of using an empty chalet for a potential 'hub' with funding from the Community Safety Partnership.

Work will also start on giving the residents responsibility for looking after the sites and taking pride in where they live.

This is an exciting opportunity to have an officer to explore external funding streams and grant opportunities to look at potentially refurbishing both Earith and Wentworth and to explore the opportunities surrounding the closed site in Burwell

The Officer has been tasked with carrying out a full review of the Traveller Community and the sites on which they live. This will include a full review of the existing rent and service charges.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Note the contents of the report, and;
- ii. Request that the results of the review be brought to the Regulatory Services Committee in April 2018.

Background Documents

None

Location

Room FF102

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