

Report on	Mid Ulster Travellers Working Group Update
Date of Meeting	8 th January 2019
Reporting Officer	Mark Kelso - Director Public Health & Infrastructure

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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide an update to Members in relation to the Mid Ulster Travellers Working Group meeting held on 15 th November 2018.
2.0	Background
2.1	Following the Environment Committee meeting held on 11 th September 2018 the Mid Ulster Travellers Working Group was established and met on 15 th November 2018.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The first Mid Ulster Travellers Working Group meeting was held on 15 th November 2018. The Working Group consists of nominated Elected Member representation, MUDC Officers and other agencies such as NIHE and DfI Roads.
3.2	The Working Group is time bound and will be concluded when a Needs Assessment has been completed and NIHE have identified an appropriate site to progress to development if necessary and secured any temporary accommodation as required to prevent unauthorised encampments. The Working Group will report on a regular basis through the Environment Committee. Any matter concerning the identification and release or otherwise of Council lands will be subject to land availability and agreement through Policy and Resources Committee as per Council procedures.
3.3	The Draft Terms of Reference (as set out below) were discussed at the meeting. The draft notes from the meeting are attached at Appendix 1. Draft Terms of Reference <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist and support local NIHE representatives and the NIHE Place Shaping Team in addressing recent Traveller issues in Mid Ulster area. 2. Confirm the identified Traveller need as per the NIHE Needs Assessment mechanism for the Mid Ulster area. 3. Assist and support NIHE and other statutory agencies in the identification of suitable and appropriate permanent and temporary site provision for Traveller families in the Mid Ulster area as deemed required.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Not determined at present
	Human: Officer time
	Risk Management: N/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members to note the draft meeting notes from the Mid Ulster Travellers Working Group meeting held on 15 th November 2018.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Traveller Working Group Meeting 15 th November 2018, draft notes