

**Gypsy & Travellers Action Plan**  
**Initial action plan 2011-2015**

Recommendation	2011/12		
	July-Sept 2011	Oct-Dec 2011	Jan-Mar 2012
(1) To commence a review of the 2008 Traveller Strategy to deal with the annual summer increase in unauthorised encampments	Revise Traveller Strategy  Work with the Scrutiny Review to support development of a revised strategy	Ensure draft strategy incorporates relevant scrutiny findings  Consult on revised Traveller Strategy	Revised strategy to Cabinet
(2) To prioritise the provision of a permanent Travellers site	Site search and evaluation	Preferred site to Cabinet  Consult on preferred site	Planning Application submitted  Planning Permission granted
(3) To continue to offer appropriate support to assist Gypsy, Roma and Travellers with their welfare needs	Review role of welfare support as part of Strategy review	Consult as part of strategy development	Revise relevant Performance Compact(s)
(4) To promote cohesion between settled and travelling communities	Scope potential for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traveller Awareness Sessions</li> <li>• Good Neighbour Agreements</li> </ul>	Consult as part of strategy development	Finalise ready for Easter increase in Traveller visits
(5) To focus site protection measures on those areas that are the most unsuitable for toleration	Agree protection criteria  Develop and cost list of sites by protection priority	Identify funding  Priority list and 3 year works programme to Cabinet	Works Priority 1 sites prior to Easter increase in Traveller visits
(6) To take firm enforcement and eviction action in partnership with the Police	The Police are working with the Council and have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed to make daily visits to unauthorised encampments</li> <li>• Developed a Code of Conduct</li> </ul>	Review effectiveness	Subject to review

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	on Unauthorised Encampments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed notices clamping down on anti-social use of motorcycles on public spaces</li> </ul>		
(7) A commitment to examine new ways of managing the seasonal summer increase in Travellers, including consideration of the appropriate use of limited toleration on lower impact sites	Seek expert legal advice  Develop summer policy	Consult as part of strategy development	Finalise ready for Easter increase in Traveller visits
(8) To ensure that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups, local residents and representatives are consulted as part of the development of the refreshed strategy	Identify relevant stakeholders for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friends, Families and Travellers</li> <li>Police</li> <li>Local Residents</li> <li>Local Action Teams</li> <li>Others</li> </ul>	Consult on revised Traveller Strategy and associated provisions	Regular consultation and engagement
(9) To encourage and work with neighbouring authorities to play their part in supporting the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller way of life	Scope potential for regional summit for local authority Leaders, Chief Executives, the Police, Health and Gypsy & Traveller representatives	Subject to scoping	Subject to scoping

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	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
(1) To commence a review of the 2008 Traveller Strategy to deal with the annual summer increase in unauthorised encampments	Implement revised Traveller Strategy	Implement, monitor, scrutinise	Review
(2) To prioritise the provision of a permanent Travellers site	Site development Develop Allocations Policy Site open late 2012/13?	Monitor and evaluate effectiveness	Review
(3) To continue to offer appropriate support to assist Gypsy, Roma and Travellers with their welfare needs	Monitor implementation of review	Monitor and evaluate effectiveness	Review
(4) To promote cohesion between settled and travelling communities	Monitor and evaluate effectiveness	Monitor and evaluate effectiveness	Review
(5) To focus site protection measures on those areas that are the most unsuitable for toleration	Works Priority 2 sites Monitor	Works Priority 3 sites Monitor	Review
(6) To take firm enforcement and eviction action in partnership with the Police	Regular review	Regular review	Regular review
(7) A commitment to examine new	Monitor and evaluate	Review need based on impact of	Review

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(8) To ensure that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups, local residents and representatives are consulted as part of the development of the refreshed strategy	Regular consultation and engagement	Regular consultation and engagement	Ensure groups involved in reviews
(9) To encourage and work with neighbouring authorities to play their part in supporting the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller way of life	Subject to scoping	Subject to scoping	Subject to scoping