

Three Years On: The Traveller Commissioning Strategy in Action 2014/15

Foreword

This is the third Traveller Commissioning Strategy update, my first as Chair of the Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee. I would like to affirm our commitment to take a firm and fair approach that will not only reduce the inequalities experienced by Travellers but will also support community cohesion.

I am very pleased to say that work has now commenced on the new permanent traveller site at Horsdean and will be completed in summer 2016. We have worked very closely with the South Downs National Park Authority to make sure the design of the new site is in keeping with the local area. This site will provide 12 permanent pitches which have been provisionally allocated to Traveller families who meet the permanent site allocation policy criteria.

Whilst we are developing the new permanent site we have had to close the transit site. We are concerned that this may lead to an increase in unauthorised encampments and the council's Traveller Liaison Team are working closely with the Police to minimise any disruption. The Police have reviewed and amended their PIER (Prevention, Intelligence, Enforcement & Reassurance) Plan based on increase risk of unauthorised encampments with improved cover being provided by the Police's three Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officers.

To help improve the understanding and trust between travellers and health services, the Clinical Commissioners Group has identified Equality and Diversity Champions and Participation Champions who will help embed understanding of the city's diverse communities, including Travellers, in health teams across the NHS service.

Our new Traveller Education Unit has seen school attendance from Traveller children improve. 140 pre-school children accessed the Playbus and all primary school age children residing on the transit site enrolled in school. However, there was poor take-up from secondary aged children and we know that with the transit site closed, it will be a challenge to engage traveller children with education opportunities whilst they are on unauthorised encampments.

Whilst the forthcoming months are likely to be difficult with the closure of our transit site, the opening of the new site in 2016 will mean that Brighton & Hove has taken a major step in increasing its pitch capacity to help tackle unauthorised encampments and meeting our duty of care to the travelling community.

Councillor Gill Mitchell
Chair of Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

Our Strategy

The city's **Traveller Commissioning Strategy 2012** was approved by the Council in March 2012 with a vision of:

Balancing the needs of Traveller communities and the City's settled communities to reduce inequality and improve community relations

Our strategy is split into 4 key priority areas aimed at supporting Travellers to improve the quality of their lives and reduce the tensions between communities:

- Improve site availability
- Improve health, safety and wellbeing
- Improve education outcomes
- Improve community cohesion

Action to address these priorities will help ensure we have adequate Traveller pitch provision to improve stability for those Travellers living in and visiting the city. This will help Travellers access education and health services more effectively and also reduce pressures on the city's parks and open spaces to tackle anti-social behaviour and improve community cohesion.

Development of Traveller Commissioning Strategy was done in stages that gave us that opportunity to engage and consult with residents, Travellers, Community & Voluntary Sector Organisations, service commissioners and providers, community champions, pressure groups and others.

The Traveller Commissioning Strategy has not been developed in isolation but has involved services across the Council and beyond. Our partnership approach brought together the Council, NHS Sussex, Traveller Education Team and Sussex Police.

In addition the Environment & Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee Traveller Strategy Scrutiny Panel shadowed the development of the strategy from the outset and recommendations submitted by the panel were integrated into the final strategy.

The Scrutiny team won the Centre for Public Scrutiny award for Innovation (for the second year running) for its work on the scrutiny panel set up to shadow the development of the new Traveller Strategy.

Our strategy has identified the importance of developing a regional approach to tackle Traveller inequality and the shortage of suitable stopping places, and a number of groups have been set up and consultation processes established to address cross boundary concerns and issues.

Unauthorised Encampments

Government guidelines recognise that due to the national shortage of stopping places Travellers will continue to set up unauthorised encampments as they follow their traditional routes for seasonal work.

The Horsdean transit site was operating at a reduced capacity for most of 2014/15 whilst drainage concerns were investigated. As we had fewer transit pitches there was an increase in the number of unauthorised encampments.

Also, encampments were moved on 17.5% quicker than in the previous year (6.6 days on average in 2014/15), however this has a side effect of causing more encampments as Travellers move to a nearby site when they want to remain in the city.

These factors contributed to a 71% increase in the number of unauthorised encampments in 2014/15 (89) when compared to 2013/14 (52).

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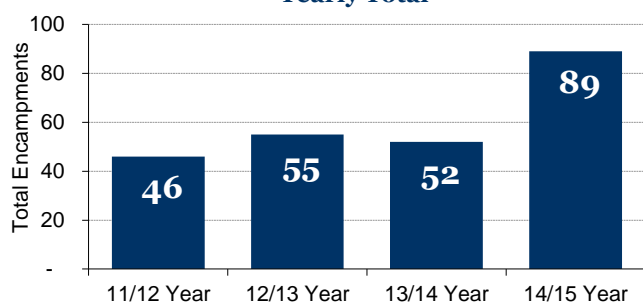
proposed temporary transit site was rejected, the closure is expected to result in a further increase in the number of unauthorised encampments throughout 2015/16 until the new site is open.

The Police and Council have reviewed their operational plans to improve availability to enable a swift response to unauthorised encampments.

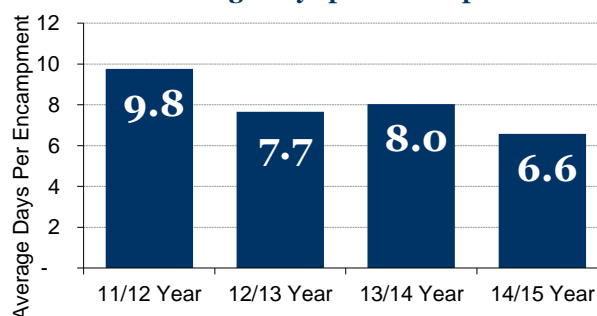
When making decisions with the Police about moving on an encampment we have to balance the needs of the community that has lost the use of it's open space, the welfare needs of the Travellers and also the likely impact that a fresh encampment will have elsewhere in the city.

When an encampment is present regular high profile visits by the Police and Council's Traveller Liaison Team help to reassure both residents and Travellers to minimise the disruption and anti social behaviour that sites can attract. A new waste contract helps to ensure that sites are effectively and swiftly cleaned.

**Brighton & Hove
Unauthorised Traveller Encampments
Yearly Total**



**Brighton & Hove
Unauthorised Traveller Encampments
Average Days per Encampment**



Outcome 1: Improve site availability



Developing the New Permanent Site

Work began on the new permanent Traveller site at the beginning of September 2015 and is expected to be completed in summer 2016. Westridge Construction Ltd is building the permanent site. They are members of the considerate constructor scheme and will make sure that any inconvenience caused by the build will be kept to a minimum.

The permanent site will provide 12 pitches for Traveller families with a local links to the community, many having regularly occupied pitches on the transit site.

Each permanent pitch will have a hard-standing area for a static caravan and other vehicles, an amenity block which will include a kitchen, bathroom and dayroom and a grassed area and will be enclosed by a fence and gate.

The permanent site will have a managers office, play area and foul and surface water treatment plant, landscaping and access.

The design of the site has not only taken into account the needs of Travellers but also made sure that the natural beauty of the landscape will not be spoilt.

Consultation continues to take place during the construction giving opportunities for local residents to meet and question the project team and other stakeholders.

The transit site has been closed during construction and will reopen when work has been completed, providing 21 pitches for Travellers to stay for up to 12 weeks.

Managing the Horsdean sites

To support the efficient management of the Horsdean sites, the council has developed an allocations policy for the new site

Under the new policy, the 12 permanent pitches will be let on secure tenancies to households who successfully complete 12 months on an introductory tenancy (in line with the council's housing Tenancy Policy).

Rent collection will be in line with all council tenants and this will enable rents to be collected more efficiently to reduce non payment and rent arrears.

A 'need based' allocation policy has been developed using the methodology of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA). This makes sure that pitches are allocated to those Traveller households who are most in need of a permanent pitch in Brighton and Hove.

Pitch priority is for 'Locally Known' ethnic Travellers who have lived in the city for 3 out of the past 5 years. This will not only support the needs of local ethnic Travellers but should also lead to a reduction in unauthorised encampments.

The permanent site will also help other services such as education and health to work with the Traveller families and improve their health outcomes and life chances and build links with the local communities and schools..

Like the transit site policy, the permanent site policy will require that applicants have a provable ethnic Traveller status.

The waiting list for the 12 permanent pitches was opened last November and pitches have been allocated according to the allocation policy.



Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2014

The Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment was published December 2014. It establishes the objectively assessed need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation in the Brighton & Hove administrative area over the next 15 years.

Residential Pitch Need: In addition to the 12 residential pitches being built at the Horsdean site the assessment identifies a need for 32 additional permanent pitches in Brighton & Hove by 2030. 19 of these are

in the city's urban boundary with Brighton & Hove City Council as planning authority and 13 in our National Park area coming under the South Downs National Park Authority.

Transit Need: Although existing transit provision should be sufficient, there is a need to consider how to respond to any larger encampments that may occur and also to consider other options such as toleration where there is minimal impact.

Outcome 2: Improve health, safety and wellbeing

Patient and Public Participation Strategy 2014/16

To make sure that all communities to have an opportunity to participate in consultation on health services, the CCG commissions community and voluntary sector organisations to assist with engaging with marginalised and excluded communities including Gypsy and Travellers. Feedback influences plans and work, for example the provision of training for GP practices on Gypsy and Traveller awareness and the design of a small 'help card' which helps overcome barriers like low literacy levels and the reluctance to disclose.

- I need help filling in forms
- In need help reading and understanding
- I would like a doctor who is the same gender as me
- I would like to speak to someone confidentially

Violence against Women and Girls Strategy

The Brighton & Hove Safe in the City Partnership which brings together many agencies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, is an associate partner in the transnational 'Roma-bridge' project. This aims to support victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. The lead for the project is Friend, Families and Travellers, who successfully bid for European Commission funding.

A work programme has been completed for professionals to ensure they are confident in identifying and responding to domestic and sexual violence and other violence against women and girls (VAWG). Guidance, training and a resource pack will be developed which will include a focus on Gypsy and Traveller needs.

Outcome 3: Improve education outcomes

Educational Support to Traveller Children

The past year has seen improved school attendance from Traveller children.

All Traveller families with children were visited by an Engagement Officer and multi-professional outreach team resulting in 140 pre-school children accessing the Playbus.

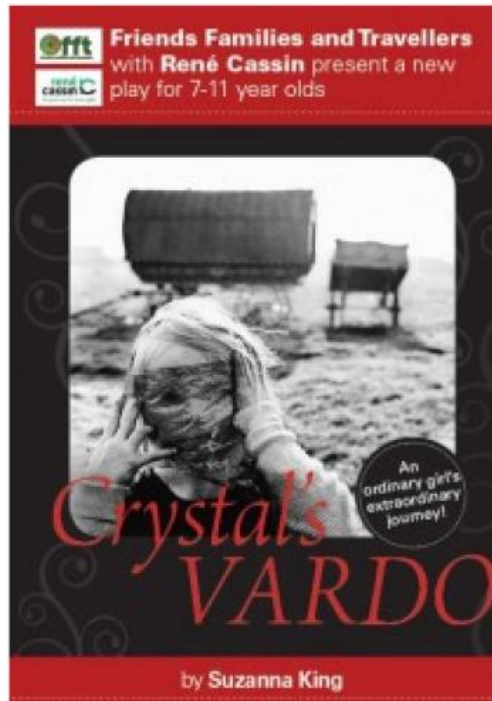
All primary school age children residing on the transit site enrolled in school but there was poor take-up from secondary aged children.

Unfortunately many of the highly mobile children on

unauthorised encampments were not engaged, due to poor parental engagement and regular evictions.

All schools in the city have received support and assistance, including staff training and a wide range of resources.

Online resources are available such as the Gypsy, Roma Traveller Awareness Assembly notebook which provides slides on Traveller Culture, a links to the Sticks and Stones podcast and the Crystal Vardo DVD telling the story of school bullying.



Outcome 4: Improve community cohesion

Managing Encampments

In response to the temporary closure of Horsdean, the Prevention, Intelligence, Enforcement and Reassurance (PIER) plan has been reviewed.

The review was based on increased risk and anticipated rise in unauthorised encampments due to the close of the transit site during the build of the new permanent site.

A consistent approach is being applied in operating the plan with 3 police Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officers working alternate shifts to improve cover.

Senior supervision to provide support to these officers oversees the management of encampments and procedures. The plan continues to ensure that the community reassurance plan is at its heart.

Outcome 1: Improve site availability

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Goal 1	Develop a new permanent Traveller site		
Consult on preferred site prior to planning application	March - April 2012	Complete 2012: preferred site identified and local consultation taken place	Brighton & Hove City Council
Obtain planning permission for preferred site	Updated timescale: Application delayed from 2012 to 2013	Complete 2015: All pre-commencement conditions approved and work on site has commenced	Brighton & Hove City Council & South Downs National Park
Develop site	Subject to planning permission	Work started on-site 7 September 2015 with anticipated completion June 2016	Brighton & Hove City Council
Develop allocations and management policies	Subject to planning permission	Allocations policy developed. Management policies in development (with reference to the Environment Agency).	Brighton & Hove City Council
Open site	Subject to planning permission	Site is due to open summer 2016	Brighton & Hove City Council
Goal 2	Ensure effective management and use of the Horsdean Transit Site		
Appoint a site warden for the Horsdean Transit Site	Recruitment planned for Spring 2012	Complete 2012: 2 Site & Support Officers in post	Brighton & Hove City Council
Review occupancy of the Transit Site to provide capacity to help minimise unauthorised encampments	Spring/Summer 2012 (and ongoing after)	Transit site closed whilst the permanent site is being built. Will re-open with 21 pitches.	Brighton & Hove City Council
Improve the collection of fees and service charges and deal effectively with arrears	Summer 2012 (and ongoing after)	Rents and Service Charge collection rates have increased by 49% since 2012/13. All charges to be reviewed for reopening.	Brighton & Hove City Council

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Goal 3 Develop procedures for Tolerated sites			
Research Good Practice and develop guidance on toleration	Spring 2013	Complete 2013/14: A toleration protocol developed and implemented	Brighton & Hove City Council
Consult and Equality Impact Assessment	Subject to guidance	Complete 2013/14: Consultation and Equality Impact Assessment completed	Brighton & Hove City Council
Implement	Subject to guidance	Complete 2013/14: Toleration protocol has been implemented	Brighton & Hove City Council
Goal 4 Consider the need for future site provision			
Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA)	Subject to guidance but required to plan for post 2016 need	Complete 2014: 32 additional permanent pitches required by 2030	Brighton & Hove City Council
Monitor size, duration, frequency, make up of unauthorised encampments	Build up a picture of need and demand particularly once permanent site open	This information continues to be gathered and monitored	Brighton & Hove City Council
Implement further requirements of new government planning guidance	Subject to guidance	The preparation of City Plan Part 2 will need to consider options for addressing additional pitch requirements to 2030	Brighton & Hove City Council
Plan according to new guidance	Subject to guidance	In progress: Traveller Accommodation Policy CP22 reflects new guidance	Brighton & Hove City Council
Ensure new City Plan recognises identified needs to 2016 and the need to consider future needs provision	Plan proposed adoption end 2013	City Plan (Part 1) proposed adoption end of 2015. GTAA identifies needs to 2030	Brighton & Hove City Council
Goal 5 To provide advice to Travellers seeking to buy their own land for developing a site			
Planning advice to travellers seeking to buy their own land for developing a site	Appropriate advice provided as and when required to build on existing good practice	No approaches received from Gypsy or Traveller groups to develop their own sites	Brighton & Hove City Council

Outcome 2: Improve health, safety and wellbeing

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Goal 6 Improve access to health and other support services for Travellers in the city			
Conduct specific needs assessment on the health and wellbeing of Travellers	November 2012	Complete 2012: The needs assessment was carried out during summer 2012	Public Health & NHS Sussex
Develop an action plan in response the findings of the needs assessment in order to improve access to healthcare services for members of the G&T Community	March 2013 (and ongoing)	Brighton and Hove CCG continues to commission Friends, Families and Travellers to engage with Traveller communities until March 2017	Clinical Commissioning Group
Citywide review of Health Visitors to include the impact on the Travelling community	2012/14	On-going. Health Visitor involvement included in the review taking place in 2016 when permanent site completed	NHS Sussex & Brighton & Hove City Council
Goal 7 To improve cultural awareness in health services			
Cultural awareness training for Clinical Commissioners Group staff and lead clinicians	April 2013	Ongoing: The CCG has identified Equality and Diversity Champions and Participation Champions in all teams. Their training will help embed understanding of the diverse communities in the city within teams in the CCG	CCG & NHS Sussex
Goal 8 To improve ethnic monitoring in health and other services to include Travellers			
The Trust will ensure that all service providers are aware of the monitoring framework and use it to monitor service uptake and experience in order to identify key issues for Traveller communities	Ongoing – to be reviewed as part of needs assessment	The CCG will review progress as part of the 2015 refreshed Equality Delivery System for the NHS (EDS2)	NHS Brighton & Hove

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Goal 9	Tackle domestic and sexual violence		
Integrate actions to address domestic and sexual violence in Traveller communities into DV and SV Action Plans and in the Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy	Plan in place April 2012	<p>Compete: Response to Gypsy, Roma and Travellers identified explicitly as an area which the successful bidder should consider.</p> <p>Ongoing: The Partnership Community Safety Team is an Associate Partner in the 'Roma-bridge' project</p>	Safe in the City Partnership
Develop a package of support for Travellers subject to the overall needs within the DV Commissioning Plan, SV Action Plan and the Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy	To be developed in 2012/13	<p>Completed: A targeted work programme completed by September 2015 to ensure that the Traveller Liaison Team, other relevant professionals and Friends, Families and Travellers are confident in how to identify and respond to DV SV and other forms of VAWG</p> <p>Ongoing: Between September - October 2015 guidance and training for professionals will be developed, including a resource pack.</p>	Safe in the City Partnership working with other organisations
Integrate work of Traveller Education Team (Goal 13) with Healthy Schools Team work on gender equality / domestic and sexual violence prevention	2012/13. Integration of awareness and education work. Clear pathways to services for young people for Traveller children needing support	Working on a domestic violence DVD which crosses over into health etc.	BHCC Healthy Schools Team

Strategic Outcome 3: Improve education outcomes

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Goal 10	Raise standards by ensuring successful education provision for Traveller children		
New families are visited by Outreach Team to engage with families, assess need according to age and arrange admission into local school	1) All pre school children are engaged 2) All school aged children enrolled in local provision	All families with children visited. 2014/15 - 40 pre school children accessed Playbus. All primary school aged children on transit site were enrolled in a school Poor take up of secondary aged children. A high % of children on unauthorised sites did not engage	Traveller Education Team
Children are supported into new school by peripatetic teacher	Successful admission and inclusion into new school	All new entrants during year supported by peripatetic teacher. Support for assessment and meeting individual needs. 366 support sessions provided.	Traveller Education Team
Home school liaison provided by outreach team and Education Welfare Service to ensure good attendance	All children in school with attendance over 90%	100% of schools received assistance in home-school liaison and 86% reported improved attendance	Traveller Education Team & Education Welfare Service
Support provided to local school and their communities closest to new site via <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training re cultural awareness and successful practice in integrating Traveller children • additional teaching support to Traveller children with learning deficit 	1) All receiving schools cultural awareness training and educational resources 2) New Traveller children settled in schools and support plans in place where necessary	As above. Cultural awareness and resources presentation at Head Teachers and senior managers' conference. Best Practice document drawn up and shared Training requirements functional Autumn term 2015 366 individual support sessions provided to children with learning deficit	Traveller Education Team
Collaborate with voluntary sector and families to provide/access out of school activities	New children integrating into local community	Some bespoke activities provided by FFT for children on transit	Youth Service, Traveller Education Team, Traveller Organisations

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Goal 11 Raise the engagement with learning opportunities for all traveller families visiting Brighton and Hove			
To continue to provide a specialist/outreach provision to support all Traveller families to access learning opportunities	Increase uptake in local provision including family learning	Consultation with Traveller Women's Group as to educational needs during year. Requests for adult literacy and IT. Further consultation will take place once site is open	Traveller Education Team
To provide additional teaching support for those with learning deficit (due to mobility)	Improvement in attainment - Foundation Stage, KS2 and 4	Due to improved attendance from children on transit site, schools have begun to offer longer term intervention. Additional, regular personalised teaching support has been offered to 41 children.	Traveller Education Team & Schools
To offer alternative education provision where required for 14-19 secondary aged pupils	Improved uptake of educational opportunities	As above	Traveller Education Team & Engagement Team
Involve Traveller groups in education services development	Consult with local Travellers	Following on site survey of children and parents views to develop the service. TESU arranged site visits for Literacy Support Service and staff from local school	Traveller Education Team & Schools/Nurseries
Goal 12 Secure engagement of families from the early years			
To deliver weekly outreach under 5s play sessions to all families using the Traveller education team playbus in partnership with health and other professionals.	To engage all newly arrived families with mainstream services. eg children centres, early years settings and specialist services eg speech and language therapists	February 2012 outreach multi professional visits commenced. 140 children accessed the play facilities. Families referred or signposted to relevant services	Traveller Education Team & Health visitors
To provide a parent and under 5s drop-in group for Traveller parents on site	Attendance and participation in the bespoke group within Children's Centre and to increase participation and inclusion in wider children centre activities	As above	Early Years Coordinator Traveller Education Team Moulsecoomb Children's Centre

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Involve Traveller groups in education services development	Improve participation and uptake of 2 yr old nursery funding	Survey undertaken. High mobility mitigates against take up of nursery provision 2014/15 - 7 children accessed nursery, 1-2 year funding	Health Visitors, Early Years Coordinator, Traveller Education Team
To provide training to early years settings, children's centres, school staff re good practice in working with GRT families as both bespoke and part of LEAs training programme	Increased skills and confidence of EYs staff in working with GRT families – result increase in uptake of mainstream provision	Cultural Awareness "Persona doll" sessions provided in 7 settings benefitting 340 children and 15 staff. Promoting uptake of Persona Doll training for Early years Practitioners.	Traveller Education Team
To arrange nursery places when necessary to newly arrived families and support child into nursery, to provide teaching support to children with an identified need	Increased uptake of Early Years Educational Entitlement (EYEE)	2014/5 - 7 children supported into nursery, 1 obtained 2 year Nursery Funding	Traveller Education Team
Goal 13	Improve further the awareness in schools about Traveller History and Culture		
Offer cultural awareness training to all educational establishments and to embed this in LEAs rolling training programme	Uptake of training	Training embedded in Council's Workforce and Development programme	Traveller Education Team, Healthy Schools Team
Promote national initiatives such as Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month and encourage schools to participate	Schools participation in GRT History Month	Embedded in schools cultural diversity celebrations. 1,950 children attending assemblies or whole class lessons. 25 entries into GRTHM national competition	Traveller Education Team, Partnered with Traveller Organisations
Involve Traveller groups in education services development of cultural awareness and equalities training	Travellers Participation in training	As above plus talks to schools from local Traveller group	Traveller Education Team, Partnered with Traveller Organisations and individuals
Continue to contribute to schools curriculum diversity by providing lesson models, resources and artefacts.	Culturally reflective curriculum in schools with Traveller children on roll	Ongoing. As above. Lesson plans provided to schools. On-going books / DVD loans at all schools with Traveller pupils.	Traveller Education Team, Healthy Schools Team
Information for schools updated and available via website	Schools have accessible resources	Updating in hand. Information currently being moved onto BEEM	Traveller Education Team

Strategic Outcome 4: Improve community cohesion

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Goal 14 Increasing awareness of different cultures			
Develop a greater understanding amongst the media of Traveller issues	Ongoing work	Ongoing work with media on all issues. Communications with police improved and messaging more consistent. Communications advice given to traveller team	Brighton & Hove City Council
Improve further the awareness in schools about Traveller History and Culture	Various (see Goal 12)	Ongoing: Various (see Goal 12)	Traveller Education Team, and Traveller Orgs.
BHCC Promotion of Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month	June - annually	Ongoing promotion with our community and neighbourhood contacts	BHCC Communities & Equality Team
Run regular Councillor Traveller awareness sessions	2012 & 2013 (and every 2 years following elections)	Ongoing: Second phase of Member induction training co-ordinated	Brighton & Hove City Council
Traveller staff – workforce monitoring and action/support from BME Workers Forum	Various as part of People Strategy and Implementation plan	The number of applicants for council vacancies from the travelling community remains extremely low	Brighton & Hove City Council
Improve Community Development Workers / Local Action Teams	July 2012 and ongoing	Ongoing: Travellers are included in the diversity and inclusion outcomes for BME groups. Community workers provided awareness sessions in the Whitehawk	BHCC, Friends Families & Travellers
Goal 15 Involve Travellers and their advocates in service design and delivery			
Set up a Brighton & Hove Traveller Forum	Spring 2013	Ongoing: Quarterly meetings with the locally known Traveller families	Brighton & Hove City Council
Progress opportunities for supporting Travellers into work and learning	To be determined	Initial meetings held with the Irish Traveller Women's Group and Work and Learning specialists to explore opportunities on new permanent site	Brighton & Hove City Council

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Involve Travellers in development and design of permanent site	Updated timescale. Throughout 2012-2014	Traveller families advised of pitch allocation and are being consulted and informed as work progresses	Brighton & Hove City Council
Consult on procedures for Tolerated sites	Subject to draft guidance	Complete 2013/14: A toleration protocol developed, consulted and implemented	Brighton & Hove City Council
Involve Travellers in service development, cultural awareness, equalities training	Travellers participating in training	Ongoing: Members of the Travelling community continue to be engaged to give talks, presentations and displays on Traveller history and culture	Traveller Education Team, Schools/Nurseries, Traveller Orgs.

Goal 16

Effective management of unauthorised encampments

To review and update the Operation Monza Tactical Plan	Annual review according to operational need	PIER plan has been reviewed in light of the closure of Horsdean site based on the increased risks of an increase in encampments	Sussex Police
To provide a dedicated full time Traveller Liaison Officer	Full time officer in post	There are now 3 x police GTLOs who work alternate shifts to improve cover overseen by a Sergeant	Sussex Police
Ensure Section 61 and Section 62A CJ&POA 1994 applications comply with guidance	As far as possible all applications are to be considered by local Commanders to ensure consistency	Both S61 and 62A powers have been used. However, the closure of Horsdean will negate the ability to use S62A	Sussex Police
Provide a consistent response to all unauthorised encampments	Develop a joint Sussex Wide Unauthorised Encampment Protocol	Consistent application of joint working protocol and meetings cycle in place	Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove City Council, East & West Sussex councils
Pro-actively liaise with any settled community affected by an encampment	Ongoing	Forms part of the community reassurance plan and is consistently applied through call backs, public meetings (LATS) and uniformed visits	Brighton & Hove City Council

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Expand Operation Monza into a joint approach	Council Traveller Liaison Officer to accompany Police on daily visits to sites	Enhanced staffing in place to cope with potential increase in encampments due to closure of Horsdean for refurbishment	Sussex Police & Brighton & Hove City Council
Provide necessary support the those residing on an unauthorised encampment	Ongoing	The Traveller Liaison Team continues to provide support to those families on unauthorised encampments and is looking to formalise the work with other support agencies in the delivery of services to the Traveller community	Brighton & Hove City Council
Take appropriate action to move on an encampment based on community impact and Traveller needs	Ongoing	Joint assessments of all unauthorised encampments continue to be made with the Police within 24 hours. The action taken to end an encampment is based on this Community Impact assessment.	Brighton & Hove City Council
Work across the region to share good practice	To work through the new Sussex Joint Local Authority Traveller Forum	Pan Sussex meetings with the Police and officers working with Travellers across the region are held quarterly	Brighton & Hove City Council
Goal 17 Ensure sensitive sites are protected			
Develop a corporate proactive approach to the protection of sensitive sites within available resources	To be developed during 2012/13	The Council in conjunction with the police are looking at the possibility of using Public Service Protection Orders to protect the most sensitive parks	Brighton & Hove City Council
Assess sites on an ongoing basis in response to unauthorised use	Ongoing monitoring of sites	Defences have been improved on the car parks at Stanmer although this has just displaced travellers. Installing a new type of width restrictor at Wild Park which will restrict access by larger vehicles when the café is not open	Brighton & Hove City Council

Strategic Action	Target	Current Position	Lead Partner
Goal 18 Tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and nuisance			
To review and update the Operation Monza Tactical Plan	Annual review according to operational need	PIER plan has been reviewed in light of the closure of Horsdean site based on the increased risks and anticipated increase in encampments. It continues to ensure the community reassurance plan is at its heart.	Sussex Police
To provide a dedicated full time Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer (GTLO)	Full time officer in post	There are now 3 x police GTLOs who work alternate shifts to improve cover overseen by a Sergeant	Sussex Police
Provide a prompt, efficient and sustainable waste collection service that tackles fly-tipping	New contract to start August 2012	Service suspended due to site closure. The waste collection contract will be reviewed and appropriate provision put in place once the site re-opens	Brighton & Hove City Council
Goal 19 Tackling racism, sexism and homophobia			
Developing new ways to encourage the reporting of crimes and incidents will be taken forward by community safety services and included within a work programme to develop community based reporting centres throughout the city for hate crimes.	Work to be undertaken during 2012 and will be completed by March 2013	Direct liaison with Travellers continues through the Women's Travellers group. We have been approached by the Travellers Liaison Team to do some outreach with new Travellers in partnership with FFT	Joint Community Safety Delivery Unit
Goal 20 Develop a protocol for addressing Van Dwellers who are often mistaken for Travellers			
Develop protocol, Equality Impact Assess, consult, launch	To be developed in 2012/13	Protocol being reviewed in light of the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014 with consideration being given to new powers that could be used to help address on street Van dwelling. The review is due to be completed by March 2016	Brighton & Hove City Council

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