



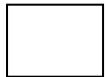
## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010

Subject: : Inquiry on Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision within Leeds

#### Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 The main purpose of the Scrutiny Board meeting today is to hear from a number of witnesses who have been invited to give evidence to the Board's inquiry on gypsy and traveller site provision within Leeds.

### 2.0 Witnesses

2.1 The following witnesses have been invited to attend to day's meeting to give evidence to the Board's inquiry:

- Ms Helen Jones, Director, Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange (GATE)
- Spokesperson from the gypsy and traveller community described by GATE as roadside travellers
- Ms Michelle McGill, Chair, The New Wortley Residents Association
- Mr Xavier Chevillard, Secretary, The New Wortley Residents Association
- Resident from Ardsley and Robin Hood Ward

### 3.0 Gypsy and Traveller Working Group

3.1 Since the last Scrutiny Board meeting the Gypsy and Traveller Working Group has met on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and a note of those meeting and the reports which were considered are attached for the Board's attention.

3.2 A further meeting of the Gypsy and Traveller Working Group will also be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and a note of that meeting and any reports and other information that is provided will be tabled at today's meeting.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 Members are asked to

- (i) hear from and ask questions of the witnesses attending today's Board meeting.
- (ii) receive the meeting notes of the Gypsy and Traveller Working Group meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and the reports and other papers which were considered at these sessions.
- (iii) Identify any further witnesses the Board would like to hear from before concluding its inquiry.
- (iv) consider what, if any, further information the Board would like to receive before concluding this inquiry.

