

Minutes of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) held on Thursday 11th April 2019 in Ballinfoile Community Centre, Galway.

In Attendance: Cllr. M. Crowe, Galway City Council
Cllr. J. Walsh, Galway City Council

Official: Mr. D. Mahon, Senior Executive Officer

Apologies: Cllr. N. Larkin, Galway City Council
Cllr. N. McNelis, Galway City Council
Ms. M. O’Riada, Galway Traveller Movement
Ms. J. Corcoran, Galway Traveller Movement
Ms. B. Kelly, Galway Traveller Movement
Mr. P. Sweeney, Galway Traveller Movement Representative

Cllr. M.J Crowe thanked the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) members who attended and noted that late apologies had been received from Ms. M. O’Riada on behalf of Galway Traveller Movement (GTM) and the Traveller representatives on the LTACC. Cllr. Crowe stated his disappointment at the late notice received.

Mr. D. Mahon read the contents of the letter received on the 9th April 2019 at 7.10pm into the record. The letter outlined that GTM were not satisfied with the contents of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) (letter attached to minutes) and despite there not being a quorum present he requested a briefing to those members in attendance.

1. Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

Mr. D. Mahon outlined the requirement for Galway City Council (GCC) to prepare a draft Traveller Accommodation Programme in line with the Traveller Accommodation Act 1998 and guidelines issued by the Department of Heritage, Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG). He outlined the timelines under which TAP ---- needs to be delivered and adopted by Council – copy of timelines attached. Mr. Mahon advised members that the statutory consultation process would commence with a call for submissions commencing on the 11th April, 2019 and a closing date for receipt of submissions 31st May 2019. The submissions received would then be considered and a revised draft issued to Councillors in advance of the July meeting of GCC. Elected Members then had a maximum period up to the 21st October to adopt the plan.

Mr. Mahon advised that the Draft TAP was considered and adopted by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) at their meeting on the 28th February 2019.

Mr. Mahon went through the contents of the Draft including:

- Preparation and consultation
- Policy Statement
- Strategy Statement

- Current Traveller Accommodation Provision and review of progress 2014-2018
- Assessment of Need
- Proposals to meet needs and approve targets
- Review of Accommodation Programme

He outlined the main proposals contained in the draft and stated that engagement with Travellers and their representatives was a critical element in the success of the programme. It was agreed that the TAP as presented would issue for consultation in line with statutory requirements.

This concluded the meeting.