

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

NOTES OF THE GYPSY TRAVELLER SITE TASK AND FINISH GROUP SITE VISITS

HELD ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2012 AT 12.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor J B Hague (Chair)

Councillor(s):	Councillor(s):	Councillor(s):
A C S Colburn J Evans	P M Matthews	R L Smith

Officers:

E Jones, R Jones, R Owen, D Turner and J Tinker

25. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were given.

26. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

27. **SITE VISITS**

R Owen advised Members that it was appropriate in order to ensure the transparency and completeness of the work of the Task Group that site visits should take place to all five sites and that consultations should take place with representatives of the Gypsy and Traveller community prior to making recommendations to Cabinet. It was queried if an additional site visit could also be undertaken to a site that had been previously filtered out and was located within close proximity to Site 5 referred to in the report. However, the Group decided that this was not appropriate.

Site visits then took place to all five sites in turn and Members viewed from certain aspects the actual position of the five sites. E Jones outlined the pros and cons of the five sites and their suitability, and summarised the presentation given at the meeting on 8 March 2012. This included the planning allocation of the site in the UDP, infrastructure, access to key services, highway access, as well as the loss of housing land bank and size of the site. It was emphasised that before any sites were discounted relevant and appropriate reasons needed to be given.

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It was considered beneficial that a meeting of the Group be arranged to discuss feedback from these site visits.

The site visits ended at 2.15 p.m.

CHAIR

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