

## Report of the Chair

### Special Scrutiny Programme Committee – 2 April 2015

#### EVIDENCE SESSION: SCRUTINY OF GYPSY & TRAVELLER SITE SEARCH PROCESS

<b>Purpose</b>	The tenth evidence session will enable the committee to hear from Councillor June Burtonshaw.
<b>Content</b>	The report provides a background / introduction to the evidence session.
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	Gather information as part of the committee's review of the process and ask questions.
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Since February 2014 a series of special meetings of the Scrutiny Programme Committee have been held to review the process adopted to date in the search for further gypsy and traveller site provision.
- 1.2 The committee's role has been to consider whether the process, leading up to the report to Council on 21 October 2013, was robust. The committee is looking at the quality of that process, and may identify any learning points about the process, and recommend any changes for the future as appropriate.

#### 2. Evidence Session – 2 April

- 2.1 This session will enable the committee to hear from Councillor June Burtonshaw, who was Cabinet Member for Place between May 2012 and September 2014, in order to:
  - better understand her role in the process and events between May 2012 and October 2013
  - invite reflection on the process and learning points
- 2.2 Councillor Burtonshaw will be invited to share any information and views that will help the committee, followed by questions to explore aspects of the site search / selection process.

### **3. Outstanding Evidence Gathering**

- 3.1 The committee has also invited Councillors David Phillips and Nick Bradley to appear before the committee and confirmation of their availability to attend is awaited.
- 3.2 At the last meeting committee members were asked to consider whether there are any other outstanding questions remaining so that final consideration can be given to further evidence gathering necessary, before evidence gathering is concluded.

### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers / Appendices: None

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