

## Report of the Chair

### Special Scrutiny Programme Committee – 9 July 2015

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

<b>Purpose</b>	The eleventh evidence session will enable the committee to hear from Councillor David Phillips.
<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.
<b>Lead Councillor(s)</b>	Councillor Robert Smith, Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Programme Committee.
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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 learning points about the process, and recommend any changes for the future as appropriate.

#### 2. Evidence Session – 9 July

- 2.1 Before the conclusion of evidence gathering it was agreed by the committee to invite Councillor David Phillips to give evidence. This session will enable the committee to hear from Councillor David Phillips, who was Leader of the Council between May 2012 and September 2014, in order to:
  - explore aspects of the site search / selection process
  - better understand his role in the process and events between May 2012 and November 2013
  - invite reflection on the process and learning points

2.2 Questions for the session were agreed by the committee and circulated to Councillor Phillips in advance (see **Appendix 1**). This indicates the main areas which committee members will want to discuss.

2.3 Councillor Phillips will be invited to make any opening statement / remarks, ahead of the questions.

### **3. Legal Implications**

3.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

1 – Questions for Councillor David Phillips

Legal Officer: Debbie Smith

Finance Officer: Carl Billingsley