**Minutes of the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting held on 25th March 2019 @ 9.15 am in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse Cavan**

Present: Cllr John Paul Feely

Cllr Daniel Downey

Cllr Paddy Smith

Mr. Thomas Maughan

 Ms Theresa Mongan

 Ms Winnie McDonagh

 Ms Emer Coveney, Community & Enterprise

 Mr Eoin Doyle, Director of Services

Ms Bridie McBrearty, Housing

Mr John Wilson, Housing Construction

Apologies: Cllr Damien Brady

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Committee expressed their sympathies to Cllr. Brady on the untimely passing of his brother. In his absence Cllr Paddy Smith chaired the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2018 were proposed by Cllr. Downey, seconded by Ms Thomas Maughan and approved.

1. **Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 (TAP)**

Bridie McBrearty presented the draft Traveller Accommodation Programme for 2019 – 2024 previously circulated for consideration by the Committee. Main points noted:

* The targets set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 – 2018 will be met by the end of the Programme
* As in the previous Programme the assessment of need has not demonstrated a need for the provision of a permanent or a transient halting site in the period of the programme
* The majority of social housing required to meet the accommodation need of the travelling community resident in County Cavan is in Cavan Town
* The preference in County Cavan over the previous Traveller Accommodation Programme to meet the accommodation needs of travellers has been for standard social housing and this trend continues into the new Programme.
* The socio-economic status of the traveller population demonstrates that members of the travelling community have a wide variety of needs in addition to accommodation – the Council recognises therefore the importance of working together with the relevant stakeholders in a partnership approach to deal with the complex needs or circumstances presenting to ensure all necessary supports are provided. It is intended that the working relationship will continue and be further developed as necessary over the course of the new Programme.
* It is expected that the provisions of this Traveller Accommodation Programme will serve to meet the accommodation needs of Travellers over the period 2019 – 2024. In order that the Programme continues to reflect the accommodation needs, a review will be undertaken in 2021.
* The next step is to make the draft Programme available for public consultation to end May by publishing notice in newspaper that it is available for inspection and to circulate it to all stakeholders.
* Submissions received from interested individuals or groups to be brought before the Committee in June, following which a report will be prepared by the Chief Executive to bring the Programme before the Members of the Council for formal adoption.

Following discussion and clarification of points raised, it was agreed that the draft Programme as presented would be advertised for public consultation as outlined in Circular 35/2018.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 24th June 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Chairman**