



BRECKLAND COUNCIL

DELEGATED DECISION RECORD

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Unless the Leader and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission certify that the matter is so urgent that the normal five-day scrutiny delay on action should not apply, then this decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under the call-in procedures as set out in Section D of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

Portfolio/Cabinet	Cabinet
Report Title (& Reference No.)	Breckland Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment 2013
Summary Background	To advise Members of the outcomes from the 2013 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment.
Author/Contact Officer	Richard Bland, Senior Enabling & Projects Officer (Strategic Planning)
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	Yes It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards
In Forward Plan?	Yes
Date Decision Taken	Tuesday, 7 January 2014
Date Published	Thursday, 9 January 2014
Call-In Expiry	Thursday, 16 January 2014
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	That Members' consider the contents of the report and accept option 1 (see report) to allow the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTAA) to go forward and to be considered in further detail, paying specific attention to wider consultation at the Local Plan Visioning Day session on 27 January 2014 to which all Members have been invited.
Reasons(s)	It was recommended that Cabinet accept the report put forward as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan.

	<p>The evidence within the report shall allow the Council to plan for future provision for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation and shall provide robust evidence in order to assess future planning applications for such accommodation. It was the duty of Local Housing Authorities to include assessment of the accommodation needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community under the Housing Act 2004. Failure to have an up-to-date assessment of these needs could lead to the Local Plan being found unsound. Due to the implications of the report findings and their wider impact beyond the Local Plan the GTAA recommendation to Cabinet supersedes a separate consideration by the Local Plan Working Group.</p>
<p>Options</p>	<p><u>Option 1</u></p> <p>Members consider the contents of the report and accept to allow the findings to be used to inform future policy.</p> <p><u>Option 2 (Do nothing)</u></p> <p>Not publishing an up-to-date assessment of the need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation in the District and using it to develop numbers in the Local Plan would place the Plan at risk of being found unsound. Delays in publishing an up-to-date GTAA could have implications upon the Local Plan timetable.</p>
<p>Further Information</p>	<p>FINAL GTAA CABINET Report FINAL Breckland Report December 2013</p>