

Key Decision Details

Decision Name Regional Spatial Strategy Gypsy & Traveller Policy

Date of Decision 24 April 2008

Decision maker Cabinet

Describe the Decision taken Considered the Council's response to the policy proposal and agreed to support it on the basis that it is consistent with the local need for Huntingdonshire identified in the Assessment of Need and the evidence base; noted the requirement for all local authorities to provide at least some pitches, including in areas where previously no or little provision has been made, and agreed that the Council reserves its position should some local authorities seek to challenge this equality of provision by any alternative redistribution which would result in unjustified increase in provision within Huntingdonshire and requested the East of England Regional Assembly to include within the policy an explanation as to why a 3% compound rate of increase is proposed and an indication that a future review will need into account the need for transit sites and the needs of travelling show people.

What were the reasons for taking the Decision? In order to respond to the policy

What alternative options were considered and rejected?

Conflict of interest and dispensation None

Is the decision a Key Decision? Yes

Was the decision included in the Forward Plan Yes

Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings? No

List the background papers to any report Planning for gypsy & traveller accommodation in the east of

**considered by the
Decision Taker** England: Issues and Options

Planning for gypsy and traveller
caravan sites

Cambridge Sub region Traveller
needs assessment

**Person Making this
report** Mrs Helen Taylor

**Date upon which the
Decision will come into
force, subject to no
call-in** 02 May 2008

**Accompanying
Documents** finalCabinet Report Apr 08 RSS
Gypsies and Travellers

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