

INFORMATION ITEM



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| DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE | DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE | | 18 JANUARY 2017 | 9 |
| BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION ASSESSMENT (GTAA) UPDATE | | | | |

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Fylde Coast GTAA was originally published in 2014. It provides an assessment of the needs for pitches for gypsies and travellers, and plots for travelling showpeople, over the period to 2031, for the three Fylde Coast authorities.

In August 2015, the Government published Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS), introducing a new definition of gypsies and travellers. This rendered the assessment undertaken in the original GTAA out-of-date. The GTAA Update provides a refreshed assessment of need in line with the PPTS. The update concludes that Fylde Borough has a net surplus of 2 pitches, based on needs of gypsies and travellers known to meet the new definition, with a possible need arising for 2 pitches for those whose status could not be established. The earlier study concluded that 26 pitches would be required in Fylde.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

The GTAA has been updated by Opinion Research Services on behalf of the three Fylde Coast authorities working jointly, under the Duty to Co-Operate.

LINK TO INFORMATION

[Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update](#)

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The PPTS requires that local planning authorities set pitch and plot targets, in accordance with the new definitions, to address need in their area. This is essential evidence to support the examination of the emerging Local Plan.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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