

Dublin City Council Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

Date: Friday 11th September 2020 / Meeting via Teleconferencing (MS Teams)

Members in Attendance:

Ms. Claire Kelly – Secretary and Coordinator
Mr. Pat Teehan – Manager TAU
Mr. Jack Keyes – Chairperson
Ms. Anne Helferty – Chief Welfare Officer
Cllr. Sophie Nicoullaud
Mr. Shay L’Estrange – BTAP
Cllr. Janet Horner
Mr. Patrick Smith- Manager TAU
Margaret Wall-Ballyfermot Representative
Cllr. John Lyons

Apologies:

Cllr. Anthony Flynn
Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Ms. Sally Flynn-Labre Park Representative
Ms. Mary McCann – Avila Representative
Ms. Brigid McDonagh – Cara Representative
Ms. Collette Spears – CDTG Community Worker
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Ms. Winnie McDonagh – TravAct
Ms. Winnie McDonnell – PHC St Margaret’s
MS. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
Ms. Angela O’Neill - FTDG
MS. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
Cllr. Hazel De Nortúin

1.	Covid-19 Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ HSE are providing testing service on sites- TAU will support these groups going forward.➤ A discussion was had regarding testing for Covid-19 on sites. The rationale behind this should be provision for safety reasons and not targeting the Traveller community.➤ To date there has been 89 cases within the Travelling community, 19 of which have been within Dublin.➤ TravAct are working voluntarily to support the testing of Travellers in the Coolock area.➤ It was agreed further engagement is needed between the Residents and Traveller organizations. This is to ensure that there is understanding as to why Travellers are considered a high risk group and need to be tested in the interest of their own safety.➤ It was agreed further engagement is needed with Primary Health Care Workers regarding testing within the Traveller community.
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2.	Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TAU continuing to Allocate Traveller Accommodation throughout the Ballymun area. ➤ Community projects: Cara Park /St. Margaret's Park. St Trinity School are involved in integrating the community together through projects run in these areas. ➤ Notices to Remove: TAU will continue to engage with the residents to negotiate alternatives, explain duties and responsibilities on both sides, when issuing notices to remove. ➤ TAU are responding to a number of illegal occupants in St. Josephs Park. ➤ Three to four weeks behind on the redesign of St Dominic and Tara Lawns.
3.	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A discussion was had regarding the illegal dumping in Labre Park. ➤ BTAP stated that residents in Labre went 24hrs without electricity due to refuse stacked against electricity boxes being lit on fire. A need for a multi-agency approach to tackle this issue is needed. ➤ It was agreed that a waste meeting would take place @11am before the next LTACC meeting. ➤ TAU are continuing to work with other departments within the organization to seek possible solutions.
3.	Subcommittee groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was agreed nomination are needed for housing and waste subcommittee groups. ➤ Nominations – It was agreed nominations for subcommittee groups would be emailed to : traveller.accomodation@dublincity.ie ➤ It was agreed the breakdown of the finances that has been spent on waste removal be sent to members for discussion at the next waste meeting.
4.	Labre Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Part 8 planning update: TAU are awaiting a final report in relation to flood risk management. This report is expected before the end of October. ➤ It was agreed more communication would be provided to all stakeholders involved by the end of October regarding the status of part 8 planning permission.
5.	Budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How budgets are Allocated has been changed- the department will now allocate funding following expenditure as supposed to in advance as had been previously been the case. ➤ Although the TAU budget has increased, Covid-19 along with flood risk assessments has delayed projects.
6.	LTACC Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was agreed LTACC meetings will be held at @11.30am via MS Teams on 23rd October.

Next meeting agreed: Waste Management subcommittee @ 11am /LTACC meeting @11.30am