

Dublin City Council Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

Date: Friday 22nd May 2020 / Meeting via Teleconferencing (Zoom)

Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jack Keyes – Chairperson
Ms. Claire Kelly – Secretary and Co-ordinator
Mr. Pat Teehan – Manager TAU
Mr. Shay L’Estrange – BTAP
Cllr. Sophie Nicoullaud
Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr. John Lyons
Cllr. Janet Horner
MS. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
Cllr. Hazel De Nortúin

Apologies:

Ms. Mary McCann – Avila Representative
Ms. Brigid McDonagh – Cara Representative
Ms. Collette Spears – CDTG Community Worker
Cllr. Anthony Flynn
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Ms. Winnie McDonagh – TravAct
Ms. Winnie McDonnell – PHC St Margaret’s
MS. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
Ms. Sally Flynn-Labre Park Representative
Ms. Angela O’Neill - FTDG
Ms. Anne Helferty – Chief Welfare Officer

1.	Coronavirus(COVID-19) Traveller sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Six new cases reported in Cara Park. TAU working with TravAct to provide support for those self-isolating.➤ Working on nine priorities for Traveller families at present.➤ Extra toilets provided three in St. Dominic’s and Cara Park.➤ New signage provided on sites as per request from the Outbreak Control Team.➤ Noticed increase in Dumping on sites.➤ Sites are disinfected on a monthly basis.➤ 19 cases reported altogether and 13 cases are now Covid free.
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2.	<p>Questions arising from members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What is the overall Covid-19 related budget in the Dublin City area and what has been spent so far? Reply: A total of 160,695.12 spent on Covid related measures in the city so far. Agreed: Pat to send all members a breakdown of the exact figures. ➤ What was the allocated budget for the last five years and how much of that has been spent on Traveller Accommodation? Reply: A breakdown will be sent to all members. ➤ How much of the Covid Budget has been spent on Travellers? Reply: It was agreed Pat would send all members a breakdown of exact figures in table format. ➤ At what stage is the redevelopment of Labre Park.? Reply: Pre part 8 has been submitted for approval? ➤ Has the redevelopment of Labre Park been affected by Covid-19? Reply: Work still being carried out however, there is a delay due to a drainage issue. ➤ Is there any news on part 8 planning in relation to Labre Park? Reply: TAU are still awaiting questions to be answered regarding the latest flood report. ➤ In relation to the fire over the weekend, will Dublin City Council be involved? Will this matter be dealt with by Fingal county council? Reply: No involvement from DCC necessary. The site is part of Fingal County Councils remit. ➤ Does the Covid Budget come from the Department or is it taken out of the regular budget for the Traveller Programme? Reply: Money spent on Covid related matters are claimed back from the Department but permission needed first in order to receive money back. ➤ Is there any update regarding the Bluebell site? Is the site allocated for Traveller accommodation or standard housing? Reply: At this moment the space is prepared for potential Traveller specific isolation units. There are hopes for planning permission to build three houses on the land for allocation to members of the Traveller community. ➤ Why has the budget allocated by the Department to Traveller accommodation not been spent? It has been mentioned that in the last 5 year TAP only adaptations were made, not one additional Unit was built. It has been mentioned that the underspend on Travellers is unacceptable. Reply: Chapter nine in the TAP will explain impediments to spending the allocation. Money has been spent but not all of the budget due to challenges site by site. Dublin City Council must spend on projects first and then claim the monies spent. See managers report. ➤ What exactly is the delay regarding the drainage issue in relation to part 8 planning? Reply : A significant flood risk has been identified and sufficient mitigation must be taken to ensure that flood waters are dispersed in an appropriate manner such as attenuation tanks, dispersal patterns, stream widening etc so that the development and the stream in its entirety is protected. <p>It is noted that the members of the LTACC appreciate the efforts and work by TAU staff. The Councillors offered their support to push projects with Dublin City Council. This also is greatly appreciated.</p>
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