

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 8 OCTOBER 2009

ALLOCATION POLICY FOR ANGUS COUNCIL GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S  
MONTROSE

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**Abstract:** This report and attached appendices (1 & 2) seeks Member's approval to adopt the updated Allocation Policy for Angus Council Gypsy/Travellers. This policy is essential to ensure a coordinated approach to meeting local need.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that Committee Members:-

- (i) Agree to approve and adopt the updated Allocation Policy and reviewed Application Form as appended to this report.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

2.1 Applicants from this waiting list are assessed for a stance in accordance with their needs and are selected for vacant stances in accordance with the Council's current allocation policy.

2.2 This allocation policy is designed to meet the needs of Gypsies/Travellers resident in Angus and other Gypsy/Traveller applicants who wish to move to Angus.

2.3 The term Gypsy/Traveller in the report refers to both gypsy travellers and other occupational travellers and new age travellers.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 St. Christopher's Gypsy/Travellers site was first opened in November 1980 and provides 18 separate stances which each provide space for two caravans and parking for two vehicles.

3.2 The site has undergone a major upgrade which was completed in March 2008.

**4. MAIN GROUPS**

4.1 There are 2 groups within the policy as detailed below.

- Group 1. – High Priority – applicants who are placed on Group 1 will have medical, social care or support needs. Applicants on Group 1 will have a full assessment of support needs where appropriate, by an Angus Council Assessment Officer. The Assessment Officer may refer to another agency for further specialist assessments and will consult with Social Work and Health professionals where appropriate.
- Group 2. – Low Priority – applicants who do not qualify for group 1 will automatically be placed in group 2. Position in the group will depend upon date of application.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the proposed Allocation Policy as the waiting list will continue to be maintained manually by the Montrose/Brechin Community Housing Team.

**6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 Full consultation on the Allocation Policy has been carried out with our customers, staff and Law and Administration.

## **8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 The issues dealt within this report have been the subject of consideration from the equalities perspective (as required by the legislation). An [equalities impact assessment](#) has been completed.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 It is important that Angus Council has an up-to-date Allocation Policy that meets the essential part of the Gypsy/Travellers culture to live within groups that allow extended family support. The main aim of the Allocation policy is to ensure that stances can be allocated in a fair and non-discriminatory way.

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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