

Subject: Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision in London

Report to: Housing Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 17 March 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This paper sets out for noting the response from the Mayor to the Committee's investigation on Gypsy and Traveller site provision in London.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the letter from the Mayor in response to the Committee's investigation on Gypsy and Traveller site provision in London, as attached at Appendix 1.**

3. Background

- 3.1 In February 2014, the Housing Committee agreed to investigate the provision of Gypsy and Traveller sites in London as part of its work programme for 2014/15.
- 3.2 The Committee visited two Gypsy and Traveller sites on 9 September 2014: an authorised site in Southwark and an unauthorised site in Greenwich.
- 3.3 This was followed up in October 2014 by a Committee meeting which allowed Members to hear from a range of invited guests and to hear first-hand from Gypsies and Travellers about their experiences.
- 3.4 In February 2015, the Committee agreed the wording of a letter to the Mayor setting out recommended actions that he should take in light of the findings of the investigation.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 A response to the Chair's letter has since been received and is attached at **Appendix 1**. The Committee are asked to note the response.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Letter from the Mayor to the Chair of the Housing Committee, 26 March 2015

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List of Background Papers: None

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