

## COUNCIL MEETING – 11 SEPTEMBER 2014

### Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 19 August 2014

#### E/14/57. **Urgent item of business - Gypsy and Traveller Plan**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Chairman in accordance with Section 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he had agreed to allow this additional item to be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency as consideration of this item could not be delayed to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive and therefore needed to be considered as a matter of urgency.

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Regeneration that proposed the withdrawal of the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan from the Examination process, in light of the matters raised by the Planning Inspector.

In response of questions, the Executive Member for Regeneration explained that the Council required the Plan to be withdrawn from the Examination process to allow Officers time to respond to the issues raised by the Inspector in relation to the Plan. The Head of Development Planning and Housing Strategy explained that the Council had requested an adjournment to the Hearings, but unfortunately this request had been refused. The Executive Member was now seeking permission to withdraw the Plan to allow Officers adequate time to clarify matters and to decide the best way forward. Formal legal advice was being sought on any impact that the withdrawal would have on the Development Strategy, informal advice to date had been that as the Development Strategy set out how the Council was providing for the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers there would be no repercussions for the Strategy by a decision to withdraw the Gypsy and Traveller Plan.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to address the matters raised by the Inspector.

***RECOMMENDED to Council***

***the withdrawal of the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan from the Examination process.***