

Gypsies & Travellers: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Free event for Councillors in the West Midlands
10am – 4pm
2nd July 2010
Shirehall
Shrewsbury

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About the event

This major regional event will provide delegates with a comprehensive understanding of Gypsy and Traveller issues in the West Midlands and their Council's statutory responsibilities to meeting Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs.

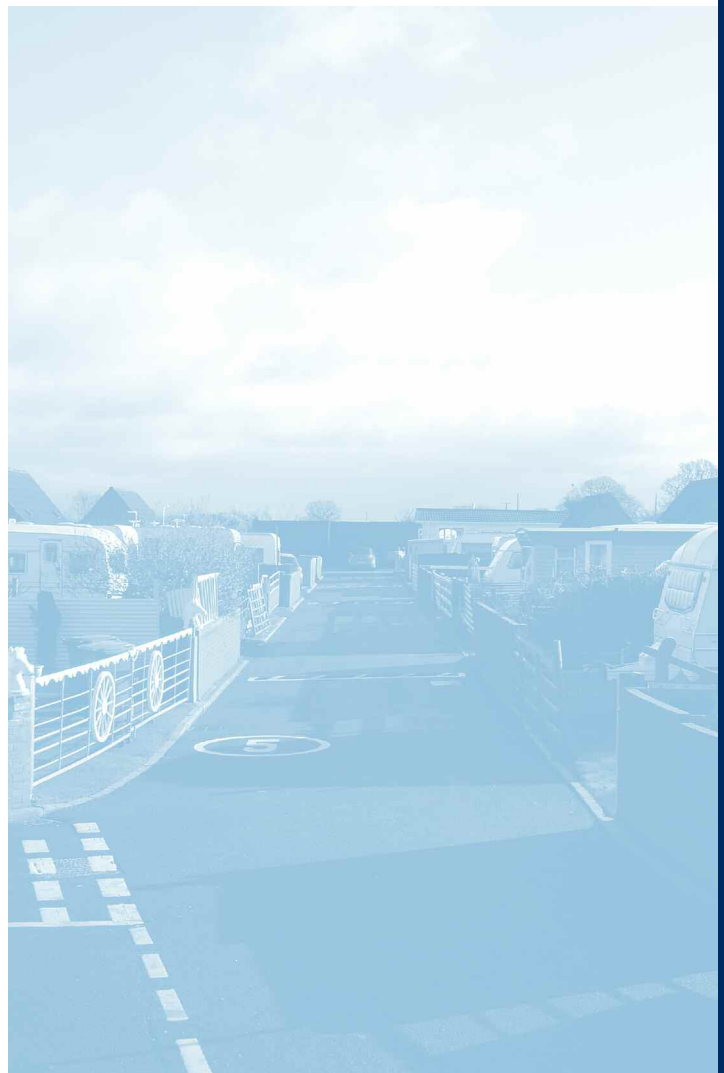
The event will also provide practical guidance on how to respond to these responsibilities.

Benefits of attending the event

- Receive up to date information from experts on Gypsy and Traveller issues which will directly affect your Council
- The event includes speakers who have a thorough understanding of the issues affecting the West Midlands Region
- It will provide examples of how your Council can respond to the challenges
- Will include workshops to discuss specific issues in small groups
- Provides an opportunity to network with other Members and experts on this key issue

Who should attend

The event is aimed at Council Members in the West Midlands, primarily those with responsibility for meeting the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers, including housing and planning portfolio holders.



Programme

10.00 - 10.30 Registration and refreshments

10.30 - 10.35 Introduction by the Chair

Session 1 Overarching issues

10.35 - 11.00 Sean Risdale, Policy Advisor, Equality and Human Rights Commission: "Travellers and their neighbours, simple solutions for living together"

11.00 - 11.25 Pat Niner OBE, Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, University of Birmingham: "Estimating Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs"

11.25 - 11.40 Questions to Sean and Pat

11.40 - 12.00 Refreshment break

12.00 - 13.00 Workshops "What are the issues in your area?"

13.00 - 13.45 Lunch

Session 2 Implementation in your area

13.45 - 14.10 Rob Kilby, Investment and Regeneration Manager (Black Country team), Homes and Communities Agency: "Delivering Gypsy and Traveller sites: A West Midlands perspective"

14.10 - 14.35 Richard Cobb, Community Planner, Planning Aid - West Midlands, Planning Aid: "Gypsies, Travellers and Planning Aid"

14.35 - 14.50 Questions to Rob and Richard

14.50 - 15.10 Video "Sites and Rights: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers"

15.10 - 15.45 Final questions

15.45 - 16.00 Round up and workshop feedback including next steps

The Venue

Full travel information to Shirehall is available on the Shropshire Council website at <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/shropshirecouncil.nsf/open/72BE25D0AEE876CB80257568003319F2>

Booking

This is a free event for Council Members throughout the West Midlands Region. Due to anticipated high levels of demand, places are limited to 2 per Local Authority on a first come/ first served basis. However, a reserve list will be in place should places remain available. Delegates can reserve their place by returning the attached booking form by 23rd June to:

- Leah Carson, Development Services, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND
- or email details to: housing.strategy@shropshire.gov.uk

In the event of any query, please contact Leah Carson on 01743 232563

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Contact name on behalf of delegates

Organisation

Address

Telephone

Email

Please state names of all delegates below

	Title	First Name	Surname	Portfolio (if appropriate)	Email Address	Special requirements ie dietary/mobility
Place 1						
Place 2						
Reserve 1						
Reserve 2						

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