

Scrutiny briefing note

This Briefing note updates Economy Scrutiny Panel on a review of the approach following the adoption of Negotiated Stopping Agreements (NSA's) for Gypsy and Travellers visiting the Borough. This briefing note contains the latest position as of January, 2023.

Background/Updates

Following the Economy Scrutiny Panel on 8th July 2022 the panel recommended to Cabinet;

That the Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets conducts a review of the new approach in SIX months' time to allow an understanding for the need for changes.

Furthermore, at the Cabinet meeting of 20th July 2022 Cabinet agreed a mandate to:

1. Take note of the findings of the exploration work that has been conducted to understand how a 'negotiated stopping agreement' (NSA) approach could be implemented
2. Approves the adoption of the 'NSA approach' outlined within the body of this report and authorises the Executive Director of Environment, Economy, and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets to so implement, making any amendments or modifications as may be necessary from time to time
3. That the Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets conducts a review of the new approach in 6 months' time (or earlier if required) to allow an understanding for the need for changes

Since then, there has been no visitors to the area from the Gypsy and Travelling community, staying on Council land, therefore the NSA approach has not been tested.

Recommendation /Next steps

It is recommended that officers remain on stand by to trial the approach as soon as possible, furthermore the matter remains on the Scrutiny tracker to ensure that feedback is given at a more appropriate time (July) when the opportunity to understand how the approach is working, and what amendments or modifications are required, is known.

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