## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING POLICY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 10 OCTOBER 2006**

## 1 UNAUTHORISED GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES

- 1.1 This item of business was referred by the Planning Policy and Transportation Committee on 10 October 2006 to Full Council with recommendations that action be progressed as outlined in the officer's exempt report and that quarterly updates on the latest position with respect to the sites be reported to the Planning Policy & Transportation Committee. A copy of the officer's exempt report has been issued to Members under separate cover as Appendix A (Pages 7.15.2 to 7.15.14). Any discussion on this item would need to be following exclusion of the press and public.
- 1.2 The Committee noted that caution should be exercised with respect to direct action. The costs of direct action varied considerably and were difficult to quantify accurately.
- 1.3 The Committee noted that the definition of gypsy/traveller used by the Council was that featured in Government Circular 1/2006.
- 1.4 Officers confirmed that it would be possible to provide quarterly updates on the issues within the report on a quarterly basis.
- 1.5 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES** 
  - (1) That the progress on each site be noted and that action be progressed as outlined in the officer's exempt report.
  - (2) That quarterly updates on the latest position with respect to the sites listed in paragraph 6.9 of the officer's report be reported to the Planning Policy & Transportation Committee. (HPT)

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## Background Papers:-

None

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