

15TH September 2014.

To/

The Cathaoirleach and each member of Limerick City and County Council.

- A. **Appointment of Local Authority Officials and Traveller Representatives to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee**
- B. **Appointment of Chairperson to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee**

(A)

Pursuant to Sections 21 and 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 each relevant local authority is required to establish a Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) to advise on the provision and management of Traveller accommodation.

It is an advisory committee and is a forum for consultation between the local authority and Travellers/Traveller Representatives. The legislation provides that representation on the LTACC is as follows:

- (a) Elected members of the appointing authority.
- (b) Officials of the appointing authority.
- (c) Representatives of local Travellers and/or Traveller groups.

The Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 requires that the total number of elected members (a) on the committee must not exceed one half of the membership and the number of Traveller representatives (c) must not be less than one quarter of the membership.

The appointment of members to the Committee and the appointment of a Chairperson is a reserved function of the Council. Four elected members were appointed to the Committee at the June meeting of the Council and the members are now asked to appoint officials and Traveller/Traveller Representatives on to the committee. The four elected members appointed to the LTACC are Mayor Michael Sheahan and Councillors Marian Hurley, Sean Lynch and Ciara McMahon.

It is recommended to the members that the following officials be appointed to the Committee as is prescribed in Section 22 (1) of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998.

- Noreen Fahey Senior Executive Officer
- Patricia Liddy Senior Executive Officer
- Seamus O'Connor Senior Social Worker

The Irish Traveller Movement Accommodation Worker in Limerick was asked to nominate members of the Traveller Community for consideration by the elected members but at the time of writing this report the names have not been submitted. The names submitted will be circulated to all members once they are received, and in any event will be available at the Council meeting.

(B)

The appointment of a Chairperson to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee as is prescribed in Section 22 (1) of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998.

The Council may appoint any member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee as Chairperson.

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