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Committee Challenge and Improve

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**Subject: Review of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment**

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Purpose / Summary:

A request from the Prosperous Community Committee on 4 February 2014 for Challenge and Improve Committee to set up a Task Panel to review the brief, methodology and robustness of the "need" figure for the number of new pitches identified for West Lindsey in the Central Lincolnshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2013 (GTAA) by June 2014.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- 1. That the Challenge and Improve Committee set up a Task Panel to review the brief, methodology and robustness of the "need" figure for the number of new pitches identified for West Lindsey in the Central Lincolnshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2013 (GTAA).**
- 2. That the Committee decides on the members of the Task Panel.**
- 3. That the Task Panel reports its findings back to the Prosperous Communities Committee on 4 June 2014 due to the tight timescales around the production of the evidence base for the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.**
- 4. That the Task Panel is time limited and its remit will come to an end after it has reported to the Prosperous Communities Committee on 4 June 2014, unless commissioned to carry out**

further work by that Committee.

5. That the Committee set the dates for the meetings of the Task Panel with the first meeting of the panel to take place no later than the first week of April 2014, due to the limited time available.

**IMPLICATIONS**

**Legal: None as a result of this report**

**Financial : None as a result of this report**

**Staffing : None as a result of this report**

**Equality and Diversity including Human Rights : None as a result of this report**

**Risk Assessment : That the task group could determine that more work is required on the GTAA and that will need to be completed within a tight timescale to ensure it fits in with the Local Plan timescales.**

**Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None as a result of this report.**

**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**  
Report from Prosperous Communities Committee 4 Feb 2014  
<http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/your-council/decision-making-and-council-meetings/meetings-agendas-minutes-and-reports/committee-information-post-april-2011/prosperous-communities-committee/prosperous-communities-committee-reports/prosperous-communities-committe/119481.article>

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)  
**Yes**  **No**

**Key Decision:**

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications  
**Yes**  **No**



## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This review was requested by Prosperous Community Committee on 4 February 2014. The Committee requests that a C & I Task Panel be established to review the brief, methodology and robustness of the “need” figure for the number of new pitches identified for West Lindsey in the Central Lincolnshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2013 (GTAA).

The Task Panel will be time limited and due to tight timescales for the production of the Local Plan, where the evidence on GTAA provision is required, will need to report its findings back to the Prosperous Communities Committee on 4 June 2014.

## **2 Membership of the Task Panel**

The membership of this Task Panel is decided by this committee. Ideally this could be approximately 3 Members with an interest in this issue and not necessarily having to be serving Members of this Committee.

## **3 Timetable of Review**

Due to the tight timescales around production of the evidence base for the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, it is necessary for the review to take place as soon as possible during April 2014, for the findings to be reported back to Prosperous Communities Committee on 4 June 2014.

The Task Panel will therefore be time limited to the duration of the review. Its remit will come to an end after it has reported to the Prosperous Communities Committee after 4 June 2014, unless commissioned to carry out further work.

## **4 Recommendations**

**1. That the Challenge and Improve Committee set up a Task Panel to review the brief, methodology and robustness of the “need” figure for the number of new pitches identified for West Lindsey in the Central Lincolnshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2013 (GTAA).**

**2. That the Committee decides on the members of the Task Panel.**

**3. That the Task Panel reports its findings back to the Prosperous Communities Committee on 4 June 2014 due to the tight timescales around the production of the evidence base for the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.**

**4. That the Task Panel is time limited and its remit will come to an end after it has reported to the Prosperous Communities Committee on 4 June 2014, unless commissioned to carry out further work by that Committee.**

**5. That the Committee set the dates for the meetings of the Task Panel with the first meeting of the panel to take place no**

later than the first week of April 2014, due to the limited time available.

## **5 Background Papers**

Paper G [Prosperous Communities Committee Reports - 4 February 2014 | West Lindsey](#)