

## DRAFT TRAVELLER'S POLICY

**Report By: Director of Environment**

### Wards Affected

County-wide

### Purpose

1. To consider the recommendations of the Environment Scrutiny Committee Review Group who have reviewed the Draft Travellers' Policy.

### Financial Implications

2. None

### Background

3. At the last Environment Scrutiny Committee it was agreed that a Review Group of Members from the Environment Scrutiny Committee review the Draft Policy to make representations to the Cabinet Member (Environment) on the:
  - a. Acceptability of the Draft Policy for the Council.
  - b. Identifies any areas that require amendment, addition or deletion.
  - b. Identifies any further areas of work that need to be undertaken on the Draft Policy.
4. This work has been undertaken and the Review Group have made some minor alterations to the Draft Policy but in the main are content with the Policies proposed.
5. The Review Group did, however request that the Draft Policy be circulated to interested organisations, such as the Herefordshire Travellers' Support Group, for their comments. In order that this consultation can be undertaken it is proposed that the Draft Policy be submitted to interested parties at the beginning of January 2007 with a view to the consultation closing on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.
6. Following the consultation the Review Group will consider any proposed changes and the resultant draft will be submitted to Scrutiny Committee in March 2007 for consideration prior to the Cabinet Member's final decision on the Policy.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT;**

- (a) the report be noted and the draft policy be circulated for comment to interested organisations, such as the Herefordshire Travellers' Support Group; and**

**(b) the Review Group consider any comments made and the resultant draft policy be considered by this Committee prior to the Cabinet Member's final decision.**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Draft Herefordshire Council Traveller's Policy - November 2007