

## INTRODUCTION

The Herefordshire Council Travellers' Policy has been drawn up and agreed by the cabinet of Herefordshire Council on.....

The document is intended to reflect the work, role and duties of the various agencies and voluntary organisations in Herefordshire whose work impacts on the Traveller population of Herefordshire.

### ***Policy Review***

The Policy will be reviewed periodically to review its effectiveness and continuing applicability to the residents. The responsibility for this Policy rests with the Cabinet Member for the Environment **and Strategic Housing**. The role of reviewing the Policy should be the responsibility of the Herefordshire Council Traveller Service who will make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for the Environment.

### ***Herefordshire Plan***

The Policy **is in accordance with corporate priorities** and reflects the commitment from the members and officers of the Council to the Herefordshire **Plan** and makes particular contributions to the following.

- **To maximise the health, safety, economic wellbeing, achievements and contributions of every child, including those with special needs and those in care.**
- **To enable vulnerable adults to live independently and in particular, to enable many more older people to continue to live in their own homes.**
- **To sustain vibrant and prosperous communities including by securing more efficient, effective and customer-focused services, clean streets, tackling homelessness and effective emergency planning**
- **To promote diversity and community harmony and strive for equal opportunities for all the people of Herefordshire, regardless of race, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation, geographical location, income or age.**
- **To develop its community leadership role, working with partners to deliver the Herefordshire Community Strategy, including the Local Area Agreement.**
- **Better to understand the needs and preferences of service users and Council Tax-payers, and to tailor services accordingly.**

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### ***Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000***

Reference should also be made to the Council's Race Equality Scheme and the associated Action Plan as well as the Council's Comprehensive Equality Policy.