

WEST MERCIA CONSTABULARY – HEREFORD DIVISION

- West Mercia Constabulary is committed to providing equality of service to all members of the community regardless of their sex, marital status, race, ethnic origin, disability, or any other reason, which may include religion, sexual orientation or age.
- The Chief Inspector, Local Policing, will be the named Officer as the Portfolio Holder for Traveller issues.
- Any response to incidents involving Travellers will be dealt with under the West Mercia Constabulary Managed Response Guidelines.
- A protocol between Herefordshire Council and West Mercia Constabulary to define responsibilities in responding to incidents involving travelers is to be established.
- The Constabulary is presently reviewing its own procedures, particularly as regards to unauthorised encampments. A service level agreement between the Constabulary and Herefordshire Council is to be agreed once this review is complete.

Considerations:

- Issues in respect of the use of Section 61 of the Public Order Act.
- A review of incidents with a view to Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and Partnership Action to support both Travellers and the Community.
- The West Mercia Constabulary is a member of the Herefordshire Equality Partnership.