

## **Addendum to Council Report - 6 March 2013**

Establishment of Short-Term Halting Sites for Gypsies/Travelers – Referral from Housing and Environment on 15 January 2013

This addendum paper acknowledges the strong opinion and responses that has been placed before Council since the release of the initial report. It recognises and reflects the feedback that has been highlighted – particularly in relation to the process for site identification, lack of consultation and integrity of the scoring matrix.

### Updated Position

As well as the sites at Granitehill and Scotstown Recycling Centre, Officers have identified the following sites and wish these potential sites to be included as part of the consideration process;

- Blackdog
- Howes Road
- Former Council Depot – Springhill Road
- Former Caravan site at Hazlehead

N.B In relation to the Blackdog site, discussions are ongoing with the developer and Aberdeenshire Council and we would intend to bring forward proposals after the Council Meeting.

To assist the consideration process, the Council will consult with each of the Community Council's affected. Officers and the Convener of Housing & Environment Committee have also agreed to meet with the Community Council Forum on 28 February 2013. As well as this consultation process, a stakeholder working group should also be established to examine the viability and feasibility of each site option using the established scoring matrix. This group should include Council Officers from Housing, Planning, Asset Management, a representative from Grampian Police and the traveling community and two representatives from the Community Council Forum.

### **It is recommended that Council;**

- a) Approve the additional 4 potential sites and remit to Officers to undertake a consultation process with the affected Community Councils and report back to the May Council meeting with the outcome of these discussions.**
- b) Instruct Officers to establish a stakeholder working group for the purpose of using the established scoring matrix to examine the viability and feasibility of each site option and report back to the May Council meeting with the results from this process.**