

York Gypsy and Traveller Working Group

Terms of Reference

Membership

City of York Council:

Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities (Chair)

Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods

Officer representation from:

- Communities and Equalities
- Housing
- Site management
- Community Safety
- Education
- Early Years
- Healthy Child Service
- York Learning
- Public Health

York Traveller Trust

Vale of York CCG

Primary Care

NYP

Other agencies to be identified in light of the group's developing agenda

Vision Statement

We will work towards ensuring that Gypsies and Travellers experience an inclusive, fair and understanding community in York.

Overarching purpose

The purpose of the Gypsy and Traveller Working Group is to explore and better understand the significant and complex issues relating to York's Gypsy and Traveller communities and take the necessary steps to improve the opportunities and outcomes for what is one of the city's biggest minority ethnic groups.

Remit

The group will:

- Ensure that appropriate engagement work takes place with the Gypsy and Traveller community in order to understand the community's views and priorities
- Convene agencies in the city relevant to the community's priorities in order to communicate to them the community's views / aspirations

- Ensure that the Gypsy and Traveller community's priorities influence the development of council policy and strategy
- Maintain an action plan that identifies:
 - Priorities for development and improvement in relevant areas of delivery for the council and other statutory agencies
 - Deliverables with timescales against each priority area
 - Priority areas relating to other bodies, identifying partners that need to be brought on board to influence their actions
- Reach out to the Gypsy and Traveller community and provide a front-door to the community to the council and other agencies, including:
 - Ensuring effective communication between the council and the Gypsy and Traveller community
 - Ensuring that CYC websites and other communications are appropriate and up-to-date
 - Maintaining an up-to-date list of relevant contacts within the council
 - Ensuring a sign-posting function is provided within the council for non-housing related issues
- Identify challenges for the Gypsy and Traveller community and respond to feedback from consultation with the community
- Challenge current ways of working and promote good practice where it exists
- Maintain an overview of information relating to outcomes for the Gypsy and Traveller community
- Work with partners to explore how we might reach out to the Roma community

Meetings

Meetings will be held in alternate months with relevant work undertaken in sub-groups in between meetings as appropriate.