

Notice of Motion to the next Full Council Meeting

Councillor R. Dolphin

At present the Council must follow lengthy procedures to remove unauthorised encampments and those delays increase the cost and disruption to local residents. Once evicted, travellers are free to return to the site after a relatively short period has elapsed meaning that officers must begin the process over again.

The Council therefore seeks an urgent review of the legal process to evict Travellers from all Council, public and private owned sites. Thus, the Council directs the Deputy Leader and Chief Executive to lobby the Flintshire MPs, new Westminster government and Welsh Government to address the local and national problem of trespass and environmental damage created by Travellers.

Response

Council will see from the briefing note that it is not always a quick or easy process to deal with unlawful encampments. Officers do the best they can under difficult circumstances to tackle the issue.

Anything that can be done and I am more than happy to ask our local MP's and AM's to lobby Westminster and Cardiff to take action to improve the legal process.

I doubt that Flintshire is the only Council that is trying to deal with such encampments. I think that if we link up with other councils we can find support for our suggestion so I will also ask the WLGA and LGA to take up this issue.