

Unauthorised Encampments Costs (2 year period)		Estimated Cost to DCC in running a Site.	Comment
Service	Cost £	Revenue Costs Per Annum	
Legal	2,642.00		
Planning	7,474.00		
Education	7,168.00		
Housing Services	2,200.00		
Total over 2 yrs	19,484.00		
Average p. annum	9,742.00	£18,116.00*	Based on averaged costs from Neighbouring Councils whom provide sites for the Gypsy and Traveller Community. <i>Please note that these figures need to be treated with caution as they do not represent a like for like comparison with Denbighshire and are used as illustration only.</i>

Legal Costs incurred in respect of unauthorised encampments in Denbighshire over a 3 year period is £3,935. Average per annum cost used to calculate costs over two years.

Countrywide & Planning Services

2012/13

- Supervision £1,347.00
 - 6 month Count £203.60
 - Clean up £0.00
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- Total £1550.60

2013/14

- Supervision £963.34
 - 6 month Count £209.97
 - Clean up £4,750.00
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- Total £5,923.31

- **Grand Total £7,473.91**

Education

2012/13

- ESW - Cost / Time £ 1,989.90 10 days per academic year.
- ESW Manager Cost / Time £ 1,594.08 6 days per academic year .

2013/14

- ESW Cost / Time £1,989.90 10 days per academic year.
- ESW Manager Cost / Time £1,594.08 6 days per academic year .

Total £7,167.96

Housing Services

2012/13

- Co-ordinating Welfare checks, liaising with legal services, police and countryside services
– 5 days costing £875.00

2013/14

- Co-ordinating welfare checks, liaison with legal, police and other departments and local business
- 7 days costing £1,325.00

Total £2,200.00

- **Estimated Cost to DCC in running a Site.**

It is extremely difficult to estimate costs for running a site in Denbighshire as it will depend upon a large number of variables which at this stage are unknown such as the size, location, infrastructure requirements of the site, availability of capital funding from Welsh Government, is the site to be owned and managed by the Council, the Gypsy and Traveller Community or by a third party?

The answer to all of these questions will influence the final costs of site provision and it is recommended that a full appraisal and business case is undertaken in order to ensure that all costs, income and grant funding is captured and reported back to council as part of any recommendations to provide accommodation sites for the Gypsy and Traveller Community.

It is also worthwhile noting that the costs of managing illegal encampments will raise as the Council will need to undertake more robust housing and welfare assessments going forward which will potentially increase both costs to the council and length of stay for illegal encampments.

Costs for running a site in Denbighshire have been raised on estimating the cost of managing a site in Flintshire added to actual costs in Wrexham which have been aggregated to provide a cost per pitch which has been multiplied by the number of pitch's required in Denbighshire.