

North Wales Gypsy and Traveller  
Accommodation Needs Assessment  
November 2013

Equality Impact Assessment

# Housing Services Restructure

**Contact:** John Sweeney.

**Updated:** 11/11/2013

## 1. What type of proposal is being assessed?

A strategic or service plan

## 2. Please describe the purpose of this proposal

To recommend the adoption of the findings of the North Wales Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA) as they relate to DCC

## 3. Does this proposal require a full equality impact assessment?

*(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit above for guidance)*

Yes

## 4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

*(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)*

Gypsies and Irish Travellers are distinct recognised racial or ethnic groups under Race Relations case law and all the duties on public bodies under Race Relations legislation apply.

The assessment of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation is a statutory requirement under s.225 of the Housing Act 2004, The Welsh Assembly Government requires local authorities to fully assess Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs in main-streaming their coverage within their local housing strategy.

“Homes for Wales – A White Paper for Better Lives and Communities 2012 ” introduces a statutory duty on local authorities to provide sites for Gypsy and Traveller communities where need has been identified.

Note the Gypsy and Traveller Community across the Local Authorities involved in the Bangor University “Assessment” were consulted in identifying accommodation need.

**5. Will this proposal have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics?**

*(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)*

The specific accommodation needs of a defined racial and ethnic group (Gypsies and Travellers) are currently not formally addressed within Denbighshire. Adopting the findings of the North Wales GTANA by DCC will enable this deficit in provision to be addressed.

**6. Will this proposal have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics?**

No

**7. Has the proposal been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential negative impact?**

No <If yes, please provide detail>

**8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?**

No <If yes please complete the table below. If no, please explain here>

Action(s)	Owner	Date
Report to full Council on 3 December 2013 recommending adoption of the North Wales Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment and establishment of a working group to ensure the Council complies with its regulatory and statutory responsibilities with regards to the Gypsy and Traveller community.	John Sweeney	3/12/13
<For additional actions, insert row below>	<Enter Name>	<DD.MM.YY>

**9. Declaration**

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

**Review Date:** 11.11.2014>

Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
John Sweeney	11.11.2013>

**Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.**

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