

HAMPSHIRE JOINT AUTHORITIES' GYPSY AND TRAVELLER PANEL (JAGTP)

Terms of Reference

1. To assist the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Authorities* to develop and maintain a joint policy in relation to Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and their communities.
2. To advise the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (the Association) on planning, housing and other matters related to Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople including responses to Government and other consultations.
3. To highlight the impact of policies relating to Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and how these should be incorporated into Local and Regional Development Frameworks.
4. To identify a co-ordinated and integrated approach in planning for and providing adequate facilities for Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople.
5. To advise on enforcement procedures in relation to unauthorised encampments.
6. To advise the Association on lobbying Regional and Central Government on issues relating to Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.
7. To receive reports from standing officer groups, including the Strategic Housing Officers' Group and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Planning Officers' Group, as necessary to assist the work of the Panel.
8. To report occasionally to the Association on the work of the Panel.
9. Membership of the JAGTP shall be one elected representative (or deputy) appointed by each of the constituent Councils from whom a Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected at the first meeting in each municipal year. Further members attend from the constituent authorities, agencies as named below plus attendance by up to three representatives of the local gypsy and traveller community as observers.
10. Only the elected constituent members of the JAGTP may vote on any recommendation or business of the Panel.
11. The JAGTP shall normally meet twice annually, with additional meetings as may be required, at the discretion of the Association or its Chairman.
12. Minute taking facilities will be provided by the authority hosting the meeting; secretaryship will be provided by one of the constituent authorities.
13. The JAGTP shall be accountable to the Association which shall take account of but not be bound by any recommendation of the JAGTP.

* Authorities include County, Unitary and District Councils, Parish and Town Council Associations, Police and Fire Authorities, the National Park Authority. Others such as the South Downs Joint Committee and Environment Agency can attend as necessary.