

## 20. Joint Protocol on Unauthorised Encampments in Lincolnshire

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- a. updated members on recent unauthorised encampments in the city and advised that there were proposed amendments to the Joint Protocol for Unauthorised Encampments in Lincolnshire.
- b. referred to Appendix A of the report and gave an overview of the encampments in the city in the last 3 years including the cleaning up costs.
- c. explained the current process for dealing with encampments and advised that each encampment would take up a substantial amount of Officer time and resources to deal with it.
- d. referred to paragraph 4 of the report and outlined the main changes to the Protocol that were being considered by Lincolnshire County Council.
- e. advised that Lincolnshire County Council had some minor amendments that had not been received yet, and suggested that delegated authority be granted by the Executive to the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to sign the document once the amendments had been received.
- f. invited members questions and comments

**Question:** Referred to paragraph 7 of the report and asked if there was any land outside of the city boundaries that could be used to offer as alternative sites for travellers?

**Response:** It was difficult to identify land for alternative sites across the County however, officers were working with other authorities to try and achieve this.

RESOLVED that

1. the proposal to seek a city-wide Injunction Order be supported
2. the delegation of authority to the Leader and Chief Executive for the signing off of the Joint Protocol dealing with Unauthorised Encampments in Lincolnshire be supported.