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**To:** Gypsy and Traveller Advisory Board - 22 July 2009

**Subject:** South East Plan: Consultation on Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling  
Show People Pitch Allocations 2006-2016

**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** This paper and its appendices describe the current consultation on the partial review of the South East Plan over Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation needs 2006-2016, including especially the total numbers of pitches required in total for Kent and Medway, and also their distribution within the county.

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

The attached papers were prepared for a meeting of the Joint Member Steering Group (JMSG) on 13 July. This meeting explored the scope for a common approach for all Kent and Medway authorities in responding to consultation on the option submitted by the regional planning body to Government on providing for Gypsy and Traveller plus Travelling Showpeople accommodation needs 2006-16.

This consultation extends until on 1 September 2009, and is based on Option D of the previous four options that were the subject of public consultation in Autumn 2008. This would allocate to Kent and Medway 290 of the 1064 Gypsy and Traveller pitches identified as being needed in the South East by 2016, and 28 of the 302 Travelling Showpeople pitches required in the region. The tables in the appendices provide greater detail and explanation of distribution options.

An oral report will be given by officers on the outcome of the discussions at the 13 July meeting.

## **2. Recommendations**

We recommend:

- a) that the Advisory Board consider the outcome of the discussions with Kent and Medway authorities;
- b) that the Advisory Board consider what the best response to the consultation by KCC would be;
- c) that the Board advise the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services accordingly;

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Background Documents

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Partial Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East: Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople: Recommendations for new policy H7 June 2009.