

## SERVICE DESCRIPTION FORM

<b>Department: Environmental Services – Housing and Property</b>	
<b>Service: Housing Management</b>	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Recharge to HRA	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Description:</b> The management of unauthorised Gypsy/Traveller encampments is funded through this budget. This is not a statutory activity but is considered to be good practice and recommended as such to local authorities through guidance issued by the Scottish Government.  The number of unauthorised encampments has increased over a period of some years. During 2011/12, there were a total of 100 new encampments. In some instances, the encampments can be high profile, due to their location and impact on the local community. Encampments are managed in accordance with the Protocol agreed by Committee during 2011. This also sets out an 'acceptable conduct' code for Gypsy/Travellers in unauthorised encampments. In instances where the code of conduct is breached, the local community would expect that action is taken to address the breaches. Where encampments are in inappropriate locations, action may be considered with partner agencies to move to legal action to seek the removal of an encampment.  The budget provision allows for the provision of refuse and portaloos facilities where the landowner is agreeable to these being provided.	
<b>Outcomes / impacts:</b>  Effective management of unauthorised encampments can minimise the adverse impact that such encampments might have on the settled community.	